## Gulf Islands School District A Community of Learners

## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64

## PROCEDURE 3055 Weapons and Dangerous Objects

"Inspire learners, Integrate sustainability, Involve community"

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- 1. The School District No. 64 Board of Education's policy statement and disciplinary procedures with respect to weapons and dangerous objects will be communicated to students and parents at the beginning of each school year.
- 2. Because school lockers are district property, the Principal, Vice Principal or board-approved designate may conduct random locker searches to ensure compliance with school board policy regarding weapons and dangerous objects..
- 3. Where a Principal or Vice Principal reasonably believes that a person on school premises is in possession of a weapon and that a risk of bodily harm exists, he/she will immediately notify the police (911) and the school district superintendent; make reasonable attempts to minimize risk of injury to any person; attempt to ensure that the weapon is controlled; and contact the parents/guardians if the person is a student.
- **4.** Students shall not:
  - a. possess or use any weapon;
  - b. or use any object in a dangerous or threatening manner; on any school premises or at any activity off school premises that is organized or sponsored by a school.
- **5.** When a Principal, or Vice-Principal, has reasonable and probable grounds to believe that a student has:
  - a. on either his/her person, or in a bag, locker or desk, a weapon; or
  - b. is displaying or brandishing either a weapon or dangerous object in a threatening or intimidating manner, or assaulting another person with a weapon or dangerous object, the Principal/Vice Principal shall take all reasonable measures necessary to eliminate further risk of threat, injury, or harm by
  - c. removing the weapon or dangerous object when this can be done safely

- d. separating the parties and providing supervision and emotional support/counselling as necessary
- **6.** The school principal will report the incident immediately to the parent/guardian of both students, the Superintendent of Schools, and the police, if appropriate.
- 7. The Principal will take disciplinary action consistent with the needs and developmental abilities of the student(s) and the severity of the behaviour in question.
- **8.** Students shall not possess or use any replica or toy weapon, on any school premises or at any activity off school premises that is organized or sponsored by a school, except as a prop in a theatrical production. If the replica or toy weapon is used in a school theatrical production, it shall be stored appropriately when not required for the production.
- **9.** Any weapons seized will be considered forfeited and may be surrendered to the police.

## **References:**

• Policy and Procedure 3050/3050.4