

Policy 5135.3: Weapons & Dangerous Instruments

Any student attending the Cozad Community Schools who brings any type of firearm/weapons as defined in Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code shall be reported to school authorities. The policy of the School District shall require that the guilty student be expelled from school for a period of not less than one year. This expulsion may be modified by the Superintendent of Schools on a case by case basis. Circumstances surrounding each expulsion shall be kept in the student's cumulative file and shall include a description of the incident leading to the expulsion, type of weapon(s), and other pertinent facts supporting the action.

Considerations for discipline involving weapons in School. (Excluding Firearms)

The following factors should be used by the Principal in the consideration of punishment determinations for students of the Cozad Community Schools.

1. Age of the Student
2. Intent of the student in bringing the weapon to school.
3. How did it become known that the weapon was in school?
4. Has the student had any previous record involving possession of weapons or threatening of other students or staff?
5. Did the student attempt to use, display, or threaten to use the weapon.

Options include: Short term suspension, Short term suspension with make-up time, Long term suspension, Expulsion for the remainder of the semester or mandatory reassignment. If the infraction occurs during the last 10 days of the semester, expulsion can occur for the following semester.

Firearms: Use or Possession

Federal law requires that the possession or use of a firearm in school grounds requires that the student be expelled for one year. Discipline may be modified by the Superintendent (normally following a hearing).