

Students

**MOUNT PLEASANT COTTAGE SCHOOL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT****SUBJECT: WEAPONS IN SCHOOL AND THE GUN-FREE SCHOOLS ACT**

With the exception of those students who receive prior written permission from the Board of Education or its designee, no student may bring in or possess any "firearm" or "weapon" on school property, on a school bus or District vehicle, in school buildings, or at school sponsored activities or settings under the control or supervision of the District regardless of location.

For the purposes of this regulation and District policy adopted in conformance with the Gun-Free Schools Act the following definitions will apply:

- 1) The term "firearm" means:
  - a. Any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive;
  - b. The frame or receiver of any such weapon;
  - c. Any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or
  - d. Any destructive device, including
    - (1) Any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas--
      - a) Bomb;
      - b) Grenade;
      - c) Rocket having a propellant charge of more than four (4) ounces;
      - d) Missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter (1/4) ounce;
      - e) Mine; or
      - f) Device similar to any of the devices described in the preceding clauses.
    - (2) Any type of weapon which will, or which may be readily converted to, expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant, and which has any barrel with a bore of more than one-half inch in diameter; and

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- (3) Any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into any destructive device described in subparagraph (1) or (2) and from which a destructive device may be readily assembled.
- 2) The term "weapon" means any device, instrument, material, or substance, animate or inanimate, that is used for, or is readily capable of, causing death or serious bodily injury, except that such term does not include a pocket knife with a blade of less than two and one-half (2 1/2) inches in length.

In the event the definitions in this regulation are inconsistent with Sections 921(a) and/or 930(g)(2) of Title 18 of the United States Code, those provisions of Federal law will be controlling.

This regulation shall not be construed so as to prohibit the District from disciplining students for violations of the *District Code of Conduct* or other policies and regulations adopted to safeguard District students, staff, visitors, and/or property.