

## **PEACE WAPITI PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 76**

### **POLICY HNI – Hunter Training/ Firearms Course**

**The Board supports the offering of Hunter Training courses in schools in which there is adequate interest and support. It expects the safety of the students to be paramount in the delivery of these courses.**

### **GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES**

1. Only prescribed courses will be offered (e.g. – Alberta Hunter Training and Wildlife Conservation course or related Firearms Safety Courses).
2. The instructor must be a graduate of a recognized Hunter Education Training Program in Alberta or have completed a workshop, which includes writing the provincial exam in order to become certificated by a “AA” Hunter Education Instructor or Hunter Education Officer in Alberta. Instructors shall have current membership in the Alberta Hunter Education Instructors’ Association.
3. Any firearm brought to the school by the teacher must be unloaded and deactivated or rendered inoperable (trigger locked, bolt carrier removed, cable lock applied). Some firearm instructors render the firearm inoperable by removing the firing pin or soldering part of the action. In this case the firearm cannot be fired and a gun lock need not be applied.
4. The muzzle of firearms must be pointed in a safe direction at all times.
5. Student firearms shall be transported to the schools by parents or legal guardians. Firearms must be deactivated or rendered inoperable. (See guideline #3). Such instances must be approved in advance by the instructor.
6. All firearms and ammunition shall be stored in a locked room for the entire time when not in use for instructional purposes.
7. Only “dummy” ammunition may be chambered by the instructor for demonstration purposes in the classroom or lab. The instructor must notify the students that a dummy load is in use. (see explanation for #8)
8. Live ammunition may be permitted in the classroom for instructional purposes, but firearms shall not be present in the room during that time
9. Hunter Education Instructors who take their classes to a Hunter Education Camp or firing range must be in possession of a valid Possession and Acquisition License (PAL) or Possession Only License (POL).
10. Students engaging in live firing activities must be under the direct and immediate supervision (within arm’s length) of an adult with a PAL or POL.
11. “Live firing” should only occur under the direct supervision of a Range Officer or his/her designate in an area where “live firing” may legally occur. A Hunter Education instructor or Range Officer/Designate must be present during all “live

firing” procedures when his/her students are on the range and ensure that safety guidelines are followed. (e.g. range rules require participants to wear ear protectors; some ranges also specify wearing of eye protection; students must know the proper response for “cease-fire commands”).

12. Appropriate firearm transport, storage, and handling regulations must be strictly adhered to at all times.

## **REFERENCES**

**Cross References:** links to

**Legal Reference:** Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations  
Firearms Act

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