

## **POLICY IFCJ–Student Violence, Use of Weapons & Criminal Offences**

**The possession and use of weapons on school property, school buses and school related field trips is prohibited.**

### **PURPOSE:**

To support the development and maintenance of a safe and secure learning environment for students and staff.

### **DEFINITIONS**

1. Violence in this policy shall mean any verbal or physical action taken which threatens or results in the inflicting of physical, emotional, or psychological distress or bodily harm.
2. A weapon is any object which is used or intended for use to threaten, intimidate or inflict injury or harm on another or self.
3. For the purposes of this policy ‘school’ refers to the school, on school grounds, or buses, or school-related or school-sanctioned activities.

### **GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES**

1. All persons, with the exceptions of law enforcement officers, are prohibited from bringing weapons into schools, on to school grounds, or buses or school related activities.
2. Principals may permit otherwise prohibited objects to be brought to school for use in approved instructional programs.

### **REFERENCES**

**Cross References:** links to

*Policy IFC- Student Conduct*

*Policy IGH - Anti Bullying*

**Legal Reference:**

[Education Act](#) - Section 1 (2), 31, 37, 197

[Children First Act](#)

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