



**POLICY
SUBJECT:**

**JGE
EXPULSION OF STUDENTS
(Violence and Weapons)**

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1. GENERAL

The Board of Trustees of the Winnipeg School Division is responsible for ensuring a safe environment for its students, employees, and other people within its facilities.

1.1 The Board will not tolerate harmful, threatening or actual acts of violence, or other unlawful acts on its property or in its buildings and will ensure that action be taken as appropriate:

(a) under the Public Schools Act, including suspension and/or expulsion,

and/or

(b) under the Criminal Code and other penal statutes against offenders of this policy.

1.2 The Board will not tolerate the possession of weapons by persons on its property or in its buildings or the presence of weapons in lockers or elsewhere on its property or in its buildings and will ensure that action be taken as appropriate:

(a) under the Public Schools Act, including suspension and/or expulsion, and/or

(b) under the Criminal Code and other penal statutes against offenders of this policy.

1.3 The school principal is expected to exercise his/her judgment in taking the appropriate action in any given circumstance involving violence or weapons.

2. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

(a) Violent Activity

A violent activity is characterized by verbal or written threats, physical, emotional and/or sexual abuse/harassment, or racial harassment by an individual or group of individuals which has the effect of impairing the health and welfare of any students or staff member.

(b) Weapons

Weapons are defined under the Criminal Code in two categories:

(i) any item that is designed to be used as a weapon, specifically designed to be used in combat or to inflict punishment;

(ii) any item a person uses or intends to use as a weapon that is not normally intended to be used in combat or to inflict injury but becomes a weapon in certain circumstances.

3. AUTHORITY TO EXPEL

The Board may expel a student from schools in the Division on the grounds that his/her conduct was injurious to the welfare of the school.



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4. HEARING

The student and his/her parent or guardian shall be notified in writing of the option of the student where he/she is an adult, and otherwise of his/her parent or guardian to make a presentation at a hearing to be conducted by the Board where expulsion will be considered.

5. RE-ENTRY TO SYSTEM

Re-entry of a student to a school in the Division following expulsion will be contingent upon the student and parent/guardian appearing before a committee consisting of three trustees (one from each ward), the Chief Superintendent, and the appropriate Superintendent of Schools to establish any conditions for re-entry. The parent/guardian may request that other persons (legal representative) attend the meeting(s). The principal of the school the student may re-enter may be requested to attend the meeting at the discretion of the appropriate Superintendent of Schools.