

# **RULES REGARDING - WEAPONS, THREATS OF VIOLENCE, USE OF ALCOHOL, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES OR TOBACCO, AND DESTRUCTION OF SCHOOL PROPERTY**

## **1. Administration and School Board Policy:**

It is the position of the Administration and Board of Directors of the Klamath Falls City School District that schools should be weapon free and students should be free of exposure to alcoholic beverages, controlled substances and tobacco products while at school, when participating in scheduled school activities, and during use of facilities by members of the community. In an effort to provide the greatest degree of control, the following policies have been adopted and building principals have been asked to provide strict enforcement.

## **2. Weapons:**

The Klamath Falls City School District adheres strictly to the state and federal weapons law. Under state and federal law, expulsion from school is required for a period of not less than one year for any student who is determined to have brought a dangerous or deadly weapon or firearm to school. The Superintendent may modify the expulsion requirement for a student on a case-by-case basis. Additionally, in accordance with Oregon law, any person who intentionally possesses a firearm or other dangerous weapon in or on District property or recklessly discharges a firearm in school is subject to criminal prosecution, a maximum five (5) years imprisonment, \$100,000 fine and forfeiture of firearm and/or dangerous weapons or both. Any person 13 to 17 years of age convicted of intentionally possessing a firearm in a public building is subject to denial of driving privileges for 90 days.

Dangerous weapon is defined in Oregon law as any weapon, device, instrument, material or substance which, under the circumstance in which it is used, attempted to be used or threatened to be used, is readily capable of causing death or serious injury.

Deadly weapon is defined in Oregon law as any instrument, article or substance, specifically designed for and presently capable of causing death or serious physical injury.

Firearm is defined in federal law as 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. This includes the frame or receiver of any such weapon, firearm, muffler or silencer or any other destructive device such as explosives, incendiary, poison gas, bomb or other such devices.

"Destructive device" means any device with an explosive, incendiary or poison gas component or any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into any destructive device or from which a destructive device may be readily assembled.

The district will not provide alternative education programs for students expelled for violations of district weapons policy or applicable state or federal weapons laws.

## **3. Threats of Violence:**

The Board is committed to promoting healthy relationships and a safe learning environment. To this end, student threats of harm to self or others, threatening behavior or acts of violence,

including threats to severely damage school property, shall not be tolerated on District property or at activities under the jurisdiction of the District. Students found in violation of this property shall be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion.

**4. Alcohol/Drug/Tobacco-Free Environment:**

**Alcohol** - The Klamath Falls City School District prohibits the sale, use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages by students using school facilities to include all buildings, grounds and vehicles for which the district has jurisdiction. The policy will be in effect 24 hours per day and is meant to include all school activities whether on school property or not. Possession of alcoholic beverages, as it applies to students, shall be defined as the acceptance or consumption of a container of alcoholic liquor, or any portion thereof, or a drink of such liquor. This means a student may not consume alcoholic beverages at home or otherwise while under a parent or guardian's jurisdiction and then return to school property or school activities while a detectable level of said alcoholic beverage remains in the student's body.

**Controlled Substances** - The Klamath Falls City School District prohibits the sale, use and possession of tobacco products by students using school facilities to include all buildings, grounds and vehicles for which the district has jurisdiction. This policy will be in effect 24 hours per day and is meant to include all school activities whether on school grounds or not.

**Violation of the alcohol, controlled substance or tobacco policy will result in suspension and/or expulsion in accordance with due process hearing procedures of the school district.**

**5. Destruction of School Property:**

Students who intentionally and maliciously damage, paint, deface or destroy school property or symbol will be immediately suspended from school and may be recommended for expulsion following a due process hearing. Payment for damage will be the responsibility of the parent.

In the past year, we had several student expulsions for drugs and alcohol on campus or under the influence. The rules will continue to be enforced in a strict manner.

**IT IS REQUESTED THAT EVERY PARENT DISCUSS THESE RULES WITH THEIR STUDENT SO NO MISUNDERSTANDING EXISTS REGARDING THE SCHOOL'S POSITION ON WEAPONS, THREATS OF VIOLENCE, USE OF ALCOHOL, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES OR TOBACCO, AND DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.**

Print Student(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_