

# Weakley County Board of Education



Monitoring:

Descriptor Term:

**Zero Tolerance Offenses**

Descriptor Code:

6.309

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2 To ensure a safe and secure learning environment free of drugs, drug paraphernalia, violence,  
3 and dangerous weapons, any student who engages in the following behaviors will be subject to  
4 suspension for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The Director of Schools shall have  
5 the authority to modify this suspension requirement on a case-by-case basis.

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7 **Zero Tolerance acts are as follows:**

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9 1. Bringing or possessing a drug, drug paraphernalia, or dangerous weapon (real or  
10 simulated) onto a school bus, onto school property, or to any school event or activity  
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12 2. Being under the influence of a drug  
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14 3. Assaulting or threatening to assault a teacher, student, or other school employee  
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16 4. Transmitting by electronic device any communication threatening to cause bodily injury  
17 or death to another student or school employee and the transmission creates actual  
18 disruptive activity at the school that requires administrative intervention.  
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20 5. Threatening mass violence on school property or at a school related activity.<sup>1</sup>

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23 **Explanations:**

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25 **WEAPONS & DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS**

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27 Students shall not possess, handle, transmit, use or attempt to use any dangerous weapon in  
28 school buildings or on school grounds at any time, or in school vehicles and/or buses or off the  
29 school grounds at a school-sponsored activity, function or event.<sup>2</sup>

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31 Dangerous weapons for the purposes of this policy shall include, but are not limited to a firearm  
32 or anything manifestly designed, made or adapted for the purpose of inflicting death or serious  
33 bodily injury or anything that in the manner of its use or intended use is capable of causing death  
34 or serious bodily injury.<sup>3</sup> Simulated firearms are included for the purposes of this policy.<sup>4</sup>

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36 Violators of this section shall be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from school.  
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<sup>1</sup> Chapter 299 of the Public Acts of 2023

<sup>2</sup> TCA 39-17-1309

<sup>3</sup> TCA 39-11-106(a)(5)(A)(B)

<sup>4</sup> TCA 49-6-3401(g)(4)

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Firearms (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921)<sup>5</sup>

In accordance with state law, any student who brings or possess a firearm on school property shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The director of schools shall have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.<sup>6</sup>

### DRUGS

In accordance with state law, any student who unlawfully possesses any drug including any controlled substance or legend drug shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The director of schools shall have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.<sup>7</sup>

### BATTERY

In accordance with state law, any student who commits battery upon any teacher, principal administrator, any other employee of the school or school resource officer shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The director of schools shall have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.<sup>6</sup>

### NOTIFICATION

When it is determined that a student has violated this policy, the principal of the school shall notify the student’s parent or guardian and the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system as required by law.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> 18 U.S.C. 921  
<sup>6</sup> 20 U.S.C. 8921; TCA 49-6-4216(b); TCA 49-6-3401(g)  
<sup>7</sup> TCA 49-6-3401(g); TCA 49-6-4216(b)  
<sup>8</sup> TCA 49-6-4209; TCA 39-17-1312