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ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

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**WEAPON FREE SCHOOLS**

Weapons on school property are prohibited, except under circumstances explicitly allowed by law or this policy. Any unauthorized weapons found on a person, within an automobile, or any other manner upon school district property will be confiscated and may be reported to law enforcement authorities.

Weapons are defined as any item or replica of an item designed or used for inflicting bodily harm or physical damage.

Law enforcement officers may possess weapons on school district property in alignment with their official duties.

The only time possession of a weapon upon school district property is considered "authorized" by CMCSS policy is if such possession is in furtherance of the academic program of the school system and occurs with the express permission of school authorities. As an example, authorization may be given for possession and use of such weapons in the JROTC program, for marksmanship or hunter safety courses, or as part of an academic presentation in history or other classes.

Employees violating this policy may be subject to criminal prosecution to the fullest extent of the law, disciplinary actions, and dismissal in accordance with CMCSS policies. Students violating this policy may be subject to criminal prosecution to the fullest extent of the law and may will be subject to criminal prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.

CMCSS retains authority to conduct routine patrols of parking lots and unannounced inspections of interiors of automobiles on school property. Searches of such automobiles will be conducted in accordance with state law. Dogs, metal detectors, and/or other devices may be used in conducting such searches.

Implementing Documents: Federal Gun Free Schools Act ([www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov))  
Tennessee Department of Education ([www.state.tn.us/education/](http://www.state.tn.us/education/))  
Student Code of Conduct  
T.C.A. 49-6-3401  
T.C.A. 39-17-1309  
T.C.A. 39-17-1313

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4/13/09	A	Add unannounced inspections to paragraph three
4/11/11	B	Change wording in first sentence. Add T.C.A. code to Implementing Documents
3/30/15	C	Significant wording changes; additional TCA codes added; updated logo

**\*\*\* End of Policy \*\*\***