

BOARD POLICIES	POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS WEAPONS OR FIREARMS (BP-5019) METRO TECHNOLOGY CENTERS	The on-line version of the policy is official. Therefore, all printed versions are unofficial copies.
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1.0 POLICY:

No person will carry a firearm, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921.3, or dangerous weapon, as defined in 21 O.S. § 1272, either concealed or openly, onto any Metro Technology Centers property or into or around any Metro Technology Centers-sponsored or supported event except as otherwise permitted by state law.

Any employee found in possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon will, upon proof of said possession being presented to the superintendent, be suspended from duty by the superintendent. This suspension may result in the employee’s supervisor and/or superintendent recommending the employee’s termination of employment. Additionally, any such violation may result in a report to the Oklahoma City Police Department and the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, or other law enforcement authority, as authorized by Oklahoma law.

Any student found in possession of a dangerous weapon will, upon proof of possession of said dangerous weapon being presented to the site director or assistant director/lead teacher, be suspended until the end of the next succeeding semester by the site director.

Any student found in possession of a firearm will, upon proof of possession of said firearm being presented to the site director or assistant director/lead teacher, or other school official, be suspended for the remainder of the current semester and until the end of the next succeeding semester (secondary students) or removed from Metro Technology Centers with or without an opportunity to return to the district (adult students) by the site director or other school official. The suspension of secondary students is subject to modification by the Board of Education upon proper appeal to the Board of Education by the student.

The above period of suspension or removal for students will be imposed in each incident of possession of a dangerous weapon or firearm while on any public school property, including any leased property, or while in any school bus or any other vehicle used by Metro Technology Centers for transportation of students or teachers, or while attending and/or participating in any Metro Technology Centers sponsored activity unless there is an appeal of the suspension or removal on a case-by-case basis after a hearing conducted as required by 70 O.S. § 24-101.3 and authorized by BP-10006.

This policy will not apply to security officers in the course of their official duties of patrolling Metro Technology Centers property or to persons instructing or receiving instruction in any class where the use of firearms is an approved part of the curriculum (e.g., Phase 4-Firearms), or in any instance in which the superintendent has approved permission in writing for the concealed or open carry of a firearm.

This policy will not apply to a person in possession of a valid concealed handgun license issued pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act and who has stored their handgun in a concealed area in their vehicle that is parked in a district-approved parking area and the handgun is not removed from the vehicle at any time the person or their vehicle is on district property without the prior written permission of the superintendent, as required by Oklahoma law.

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The superintendent or designee will immediately report the discovery of a firearm not otherwise authorized by law to be possessed by any person on campus or while participating in any Metro Technology Centers-sponsored activity or event to a law enforcement authority and deliver any weapon or firearm, removed or otherwise seized from any person, to a law enforcement authority for appropriate disposition, as authorized by Oklahoma law.

2.0 CROSS REFERENCE: BP-10006

3.0 REVISION HISTORY:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Revision</u>	<u>Description of Revision:</u>
13-Sep-11	A	Adopted (<i>BP-7003 Firearms and Weapons</i> and <i>BP-10009 Possession of Lethal Weapons or Firearms – Students</i> combined into this policy, which includes changes made by House Bill 1652 (2011, effective November 1, 2011).)
07-May-13	B	Blanket approval granted by Board of Education to update all policies to approved format and to remove two sections: 2.0 Legal Reference and 5.0 PCF Framework
04-Jun-13	C	Revised based upon Enrolled Senate Bill 259, signed by the Governor April 13, 2013.
10-Dec-13	D	Revised to comply with suspension and hearing rights of secondary, as well as adult, students. Updated language from lethal weapons to dangerous weapons.

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