

# Santa Barbara Unified School District Board Policy

## Business and Non-Instructional Operations

BP 3515.7

### FIREARMS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

The Governing Board is committed to providing a safe environment for students, staff, and visitors on campus. The Superintendent or designee shall consult with local law enforcement and other appropriate individuals and agencies to address the security of school campuses.

*(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)*  
*(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)*  
*(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)*  
*(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)*  
*(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)*  
*(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)*

Possession of a firearm on or within 1,000 feet of school grounds is prohibited, except under the limited circumstances specified in Penal Code 626.9. School grounds include, but are not limited to, school buildings, fields, storage areas, and parking lots. (Penal Code 626.9)

If a district employee observes or suspects that any unauthorized person is in possession of a firearm on or near school grounds or at a school activity, he/she shall immediately notify the principal or designee and law enforcement.

The prohibition against the possession of firearms on school grounds shall be communicated to district staff, parents/guardians, and the community.

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*  
*(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)*  
*(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)*  
*(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)*

#### Legal Reference:

##### EDUCATION CODE

32281            *Comprehensive safety plan*  
38001.5        *District security officers; requirements if carry firearm*

##### PENAL CODE

626.9            *Gun Free School Zone Act*  
830.32         *District police department; district decision to authorize carrying of firearm*  
16150          *Definition of ammunition*  
16520          *Definition of firearm*  
26150-26225   *Concealed weapons permit*  
30310          *Prohibition against ammunition on school grounds*

##### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 18

921             *Definitions, firearms and ammunition*  
922             *Firearms, unlawful acts*  
923             *Firearm licensing*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

7961 *Gun-Free Schools Act; student expulsions for possession of firearm*

*Management Resources:*

WEB SITES

*Office of the Attorney General: <http://oag.ca.gov/firearms>*

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