



Dear Parent and Student,

Your Board of Education has been reviewing cases relating to the Michigan Dangerous Weapons Act as it relates to schools. We would rather not hear of these cases and would rather not have such circumstances arise, but we are committed to keeping our schools safe, and are bound by law to follow certain procedures in the case of a student possessing a weapon on school property. Copies of the entire statute are available at the Administration Office, but we will summarize the major points here.

Under the state law, a “dangerous weapon” is defined as a firearm, dagger, dirk, stiletto, knife with a blade over three inches in length, pocket knife opened by a mechanical device, iron bar or brass knuckles or other instrument which may inflict bodily harm, including explosives. The definition of a “firearm” is defined as any weapon which will or is designed to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, the frame or receiver of such a weapon, any firearm muffler or silencer, or any destructive device. This law also covers acts of arson, criminal sexual conduct, bomb threats, and physical assaults.

A violation could result in permanent expulsion from school. We take the safety of our schools very seriously and are working hard to make Columbia School District the best it can be. To make sure that everyone in the District is aware of this situation, we are sending this letter home with every student.

If you have any further questions regarding this or any other issue, please feel free to contact your school administrator. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Columbia School District Board of Education

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Mission Statement

The Columbia School District, in partnership with the community, will provide a safe and positive learning environment, which will prepare all students to contribute and compete in a global society.