

Community Relations

Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property

The Orange Board of Education prohibits persons to enter onto school property with loaded and/or unloaded firearms, regardless of whether said persons hold a valid state or local permit to carry a firearm and regardless of whether said person would otherwise legally traverse school property with an unloaded firearm for the purpose of gaining access to public or private lands open to hunting or for other lawful purposes.

Holding a legal permit to carry a pistol or revolver does not authorize the possession or carrying of a pistol or revolver on school district property. The Orange Board of Education prohibits such possession on school district property.

Students are prohibited by the Orange Board of Education from possessing firearms for any reason, whether otherwise lawful or not, in or on the real property comprising the public or private elementary or secondary school or at a school sponsored activity as defined in subsection (h) of section 10-233a.

The Orange Board of Education further prohibits persons to enter school property with look-alike firearms, pellet-firing air guns, or BB guns for any reason/purpose.

The Board of Education may employ or enter into an agreement for public school security services with a firearm, as defined in state law, only with a sworn member of a local police department, a retired state or local police officer, or retired federal law enforcement agents and retired police officers from an out-of-state police department.

A peace officer engaged in the performance of his/her official duties who is in lawful possession of a deadly weapon or firearm may bring such item on the real property of any District school or administrative office building or to a school-sponsored activity.

A motor vehicle inspector, designated under section C.G.S. 14-8 and certified pursuant to C.G.S. 7-294d, while engaged in the performance of such motor vehicle inspector's official duties may carry weapons on school grounds, effective October 1, 2016.

1700 (B)

(cf. 5114 - Suspension/Expulsion/Exclusion/Removal)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

29-28 Permit for sale at retail of pistol or revolver. Permit to carry a pistol or revolver. Confidentiality of name and address of permit holder.

29-33 Sale, delivery or transfer of pistol and revolvers. Documentation requirements. Waiting period. Exempted transactions. Penalty.

52a-3 Definitions.

53a-217b Possession of a weapon on school grounds: Class D felony. (as amended by P.A. 16-55)

P.A. 13-188 An Act Concerning School Safety

P.A. 14-217 Section 254 of “Budget Implementer Bill”

P.A. 14-212 An Act Concerning the State Education Resource Center

P.A.16-55 An Act Concerning Recommendations by the Department of Motor Vehicles Regarding Hazardous Materials, Car Dealers, Student Transportation Vehicle Operators, Diversion Programs and Motor Vehicle Inspectors.

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