

POSITIONS AND POLICIES ON EDUCATION

Weapons and Dangerous Instruments

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5131.7

Possession of Weapons

- A. **The NJSBA believes** that the unauthorized possession of any weapon in any part of the buildings or on the grounds of any school in the State of New Jersey should be a crime of the third degree. *[Authority: DA 6/90-4, 5/97-SR]*
- B. **The NJSBA believes** that there should be gun-free zones within 1000 feet of any and all school buildings in the State of New Jersey and possession and/or sale of guns within that zone would be a crime of the third degree. *[Authority: DA 11/99-ER(A)]*
- C. **The NJSBA believes** that, where firearms laws permit the possession of a firearm on school grounds, such possession should only occur after approval by the board of education. *[Authority: DA 6/90-4, DA 5/97-SR, DA 5/02-SR, DA 5/07-SR, DA 5/12-SR, DA 5/17-SR]*

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