Hickman County Board of Education

	Descriptor Term: **Zero Tolerance Offenses**	Descriptor Code: **6.309**	Issued Date: **04/03/23**
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In order to ensure a safe and secure learning environment, the following offenses shall not be tolerated:[1]

WEAPONS & DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS

Students shall not possess, handle, transmit, use or attempt to use any dangerous weapon in school buildings or on school grounds at any time, or in school vehicles and/or buses or off the school grounds at a school-sponsored activity, function or event.

Dangerous weapons for the purposes of this policy shall include, but are not limited to, a firearm or anything manifestly designed, made or adapted for the purpose of inflicting death or serious bodily injury or anything that in the manner of its use or intended use is capable of causing death or serious bodily injury.

Violators of this section shall be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from school.

Firearms (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921)[2]

In accordance with state law, any student who brings or possess a firearm on school property shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The director of schools shall have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.[6]

DRUGS[3]

In accordance with state law, any student who unlawfully possesses any drug including any controlled substance or legend drug shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The director of schools shall have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.[6]

ASSAULT[4,5]

In accordance with state law, any student who commits aggravated assault as defined in § 39-13-102 upon any teacher, principal administrator, any other employee of the school or school resource officer or assault that results in a bodily injury to a teacher, principal, administrator, school employee, or SRO shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The director of schools shall have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.[6]

ELECTRONIC THREATS

In accordance with state law, any student who transmits by an electronic device any communication containing a credible threat to cause bodily injury or death to another student or school employee and the transmission of such threat creates actual disruptive activity at the school that requires administrative intervention shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The director of schools shall have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.[6]

Threats of mass violence on school property or at a school-related activity.[6]

NOTIFICATION

When it is determined that a student has violated this policy, the principal of the school shall notify the student's parent or guardian and the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system as required by law.[7]

Legal References

1. TCA 49-6-3401(g)
2. 18 USCA § 921(a)(3); 20 USCA § 7961
3. TCA 39-17-454; TCA 53-10-101
4. TCA 39-13-102
5. TCA 39-13-101(a)(1)
6. TCA 49-6-3401(g)(2); TCA 49-6-3402; Public Acts of 2020, Chapter No. 603; Public Acts of 2023, Chapter No. 299

Cross References

Code of Conduct 6.300
Drug-Free Schools 6.307
Suspension 6.316
Student Disciplinary Hearing Authority 6.317
Alternative Education 6.319
Safe Relocation of Students 6.4081

7. TCA 49-6-4209; TCA 39-17-1312; 20 USCA § 7961(h)(1)