

FIREARMS IN SCHOOL

No student shall bring a firearm on any portion of the premises of a school owned or controlled by this school district. A firearm is defined, consistent with §921 of Title 18 of the United States Code, as any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of such weapon; any firearm muffler or silencer; or any destructive device.

In accordance with the Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994, any student who, after a hearing held pursuant to Education Law §3214, is found guilty of bringing a firearm onto the premises of any school owned or controlled by this school district will be subject to a penalty of at least a one year suspension from school. However, in determining an appropriate penalty, the superintendent of schools may modify the suspension requirement on a case-by-case basis, considering, among other things, the totality of circumstances surrounding the offense and the student's previous record.

Suspended students within the age of compulsory attendance as defined by Education Law §3205 will be immediately provided appropriate alternative instruction outside of the school from which the student has been suspended for the duration of the suspension. Where a student has been classified as disabled pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), in addition to the hearing required by Education Law §3214, such student shall not be suspended in excess of 10 days unless the district extends such student the additional procedural protections required by IDEA in connection with a change of placement.

Great Neck Public Schools

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