

**SAFE SCHOOLS**

The Topeka Public Schools shall maintain a safe and nurturing educational environment where students can learn, teachers can teach, and parents and patrons can meet and recreate without fear. The Topeka Public Schools will not tolerate violence or injury to staff or students. Weapons of any kind, as defined in this policy or Board Policy No. 8125, including: knives or pocket knives; firearms; or any instrument, object or device that can be reasonably perceived as a weapon or firearm, including replicas and look-alikes, such as cap guns and water guns, are prohibited at any school-supervised activity, in any school building, or on any school district property.

The Board of Education policies pertaining to school safety and student discipline shall be fairly and firmly enforced. Criminal misconduct shall be reported to the proper law enforcement authority, and school district staff shall cooperate with any subsequent criminal prosecution.

The provisions of the laws of the United States, including the Gun-Free Schools Act (Public Law 103-382, 108 Stat. 3518) and the laws of the state of Kansas pertaining to school safety and security, including the Weapons Free Schools Act U.S.A. 72-6131 et. seq. and the Kansas School Safety and Security Act K.S.A. 72-6141, et seq., and K.S.A. 21-6301, as amended, prohibiting firearms and other weapons on school property, in school buildings, or at school-supervised activities shall be strictly observed and enforced.

The superintendent shall develop administrative regulations prescribing the proper procedures for making the reports required by law. An annual report shall be prepared for the Board of Education summarizing violations of this policy.

The prohibitions contained in this policy do not apply to TPS police officers or other law enforcement officers while engaged in the performance of their duties.