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## USE OF WEAPONS AS PART OF INSTRUCTION

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts prohibits the "possession of a dangerous weapon" on school premises. The School District therefore discourages the use of historic, simulated or real weapons as part of the instructional program, including their use as part of a costume.

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## USE OF WEAPONS AS PART OF INSTRUCTION - PROCEDURES

- 1. If a teacher, with the Principal's consent, determines that a weapon is an essential part of a school lesson, the staff member or parent/guardian of the student must bring the weapon to the Principal's office where it will be kept until the class or activity in question. An adult will deliver it to the class. The weapon will be returned to the Principal's office where it will be kept until the staff member or parent/guardian can take it home. The Superintendent must be informed on those occasions when the Principal gives such an approval.
- 2. A professional/amateur performer must receive permission from the Superintendent, Principal or designee if any weapons, real or simulated, are to be used in the performance.

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