



PRSD believes that a positive, safe, and welcoming environment for all students, staff, and community members includes an environment that is free from the threat of weapons.

A “weapon”, as defined in section 2 of the Criminal Code of Canada, is any instrument designed or used to injure or intimidate another person. This includes items generally understood to be weapons as well as replicas of weapons. Any other item, if used to injure, threaten or intimidate, is also a weapon.

Weapons are not allowed:

- In the school
- On school grounds
- On the way to and from school
- At any school-related activity

Principals and vice principals are not to accept excuses or explanations for being in possession of a weapon or potential weapon. Excuses such as, “I forgot I had it” or “It’s not mine” are not to be accepted.

All knives, including pocket knives, knives with fixed blades, or switch blades are classed as weapons.

If the school administrator, or designate, believes there is an immediate threat to staff and students, threat assessment procedures are to be called into effect immediately.

The school administrator, or designate, may confiscate any item that could be used as a weapon, when it is safe to do so.

Violation of this school safety expectation by students or staff will result in disciplinary action dependent on the nature of the violation. The school’s student code of conduct must clearly outline a progressive discipline procedure regarding this particular matter.

All school related incidents that involve a weapon must be communicated to the Superintendent/CEO.