

NYC Department of Education, Citywide Standards of Discipline and Intervention

Bill of Student Rights and Responsibilities, K-12 Effective September 2009

Adapted from materials at:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/RulesPolicies/DisciplineCode/default.htm>

Prohibited Weapons – Category I

- Firearm, including pistol and handgun, silencers, electronic dart, and stun gun
- Shotgun, rifle, machine gun, or any other weapon which simulates or is adaptable for use as a machine gun
- Air gun, spring gun, or other instrument or weapon in which the propelling force is a spring or air, and any weapon in which any loaded or blank cartridge may be used (such as a BB gun or paintball gun)
- Switchblade knife, gravity knife, pilum ballistic knife and cane sword (a cane that conceals a knife or sword)
- Dagger, stiletto, dirk, razor, box cutter, case cutter, utility knife and all other knives
- Billy club, blackjack, bludgeon, chukka stick, and metal knuckles
- Sandbag and sandclub
- Sling shot (small, heavy weights attached to or propelled by a thong) and slung shot
- Martial arts objects including kung fu stars, nunchucks and shirkens
- Explosives, including bombs, fire crackers and bombshells

Prohibited Weapons – Category II

- Acid or dangerous chemicals (such as pepper spray, mace)
 - *Imitation gun or other imitation weapon
 - Loaded or blank cartridges and other ammunition
 - Stun pens or other stun weapons
 - Laser beam pointers
 - Any deadly, dangerous, or sharp pointed instrument which can be used or is intended for use as a weapon (such as scissors, nail file, broken glass, chains, wire).
- * Before requesting a suspension for possession of an article listed in Category II for which a purpose other than infliction of physical harm exists, e.g., a nail file, the principal must consider whether there are mitigating factors present. In

addition, the principal must consider whether an imitation gun is realistic looking by considering factors such as its color, size, shape, appearance and weight.