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WEAPONS AND TERRORISTIC THREATS/ACTS

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A. PURPOSE

1. The Board recognizes that the physical safety of students, employees, and program participants is essential for the safe operation of Intermediate Unit programs and for the establishment of a positive environment for learning.. Possession of weapons in the CLIU building setting and/or terroristic threats and acts is a threat to the safety of students and staff and is prohibited by law.

B. DEFINITIONS

1. **Weapon** – the term shall include but not be limited to any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku, firearm, shotgun, rifle, replica of a weapon, and/or any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury.
2. **Possession**– a student is in possession of a weapon when the weapon is found on the person of the student; in the student’s locker; under the student’s control while at Intermediate Unit programs, on property of the Intermediate Unit, at any function under the jurisdiction of the Intermediate Unit or on a conveyance providing transportation or from any function under the jurisdiction of the Intermediate Unit.
3. **Terroristic Threats** - shall mean a threat, communicated either directly or indirectly, to commit any crime of violence with the intent to terrorize another; to cause evacuation of a building, place of assembly or facility of public transportation; or to otherwise cause serious public inconvenience, or cause terror or serious public inconvenience with reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror or inconvenience.
4. **Terroristic Acts** - shall mean an offense against property or involving danger or harm to another person, including any physical manifestation of the actions included in the terroristic threat definition.

C. AUTHORITY

1. The Board prohibits students from possessing and bringing weapons and replicas of weapons into any Intermediate Unit operated classroom or building, onto Intermediate Unit property, to any Intermediate Unit-sponsored activity, and onto any public vehicle providing transportation to or from an Intermediate Unit program or sponsored activity, or while the student is coming to or from the site of an Intermediate Unit program.
2. The Board prohibits any Intermediate Unit student from communicating terroristic threats or committing terroristic acts directed at any student, employee, Board member, community member, or Intermediate Unit property.

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37 3. In the case of a student attending an Intermediate Unit operated classroom who violates this
38 policy, the Intermediate Unit will cooperate in the investigation, adhering to the procedures of the
39 resident school district, including all due process (manifestation determination hearing, expulsion
40 hearings, etc.) The Intermediate Unit shall take all steps required to comply with the Individuals
41 with Disabilities Education Act and Board policy, in cooperation with the administrators of the
42 student's school district of residence.

43 4. When an Intermediate Unit program is located in a district that has an adopted policy governing
44 terroristic threats and acts, Intermediate Unit employees shall comply with such policy.
45 Intermediate Unit employees working in locations without such policy shall comply with this
46 Board policy.

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48 **D. DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY**

49 1. The Supervisor of Special Education or designee shall react promptly to information and
50 knowledge concerning possession of a weapon or terroristic threats or acts. Such action shall be
51 in compliance with state law and regulations, and the procedures set forth in the memorandum of
52 understanding with local law enforcement officials that has jurisdiction over the building/property
53 of the Intermediate Unit.

54 2. The Supervisor of Special Education or designee shall immediately report the discovery of any
55 weapon, terroristic threat, or terroristic act prohibited by this policy to the Director of Special
56 Education or designee, the school district of residence, and inform the student's
57 parents/guardians.

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59 **E. GUIDELINES**

60 1. To deter the possession of weapons on Intermediate Unit property, the Intermediate Unit may
61 conduct reasonable searches and seizures of weapons by using hand-held or other metal detectors.