

## **POLICY 315 WEAPONS**

### **Purpose**

The Board of Education (the “Board”) is committed to keeping everyone in our school community safe. Weapons are not allowed on or near Chilliwack School District (“District”) property or at any school-sponsored events. Any weapon on or near school grounds is considered a serious threat to student and staff safety.

### **Definitions**

#### **Weapon**

A weapon includes:

- Loaded or unloaded firearms.
- Chemicals, substances, devices, or instruments that are designed as a weapon or that can cause bodily harm or death.
- Devices or instruments that are used to threaten, intimidate, or cause bodily harm or death.
- Replicas or toy weapons.
- Any item brought to school for protection, or to threaten, intimidate, or harm another person.

### **Guidelines**

1. Any student who uses or possesses a weapon will face disciplinary actions. Criminal charges may be considered when appropriate.
2. Items worn for religious purposes or used for other purposes may be allowed if:
  - a. The student receives prior permission from the school principal or designate; and,
  - b. The student follows any conditions set by the school principal or designate.