

## Solana Beach School District

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### Firearms and Other Dangerous Objects

It is very important that you and your child review the school rules and actions that will result in expulsion. Please take a moment to discuss these rules and sign the return slip at the bottom of this page. In order to protect the safety and attendance of all our students please be advised:

- Over the past few years several laws have been enacted to mandate severe discipline for student misconduct involving firearms, knives, or other dangerous objects.
- The Superintendent or the Principal must immediately suspend and recommend expulsion when determining that a student has: (1) possessed, sold or furnished a firearm; or (2) brandished a knife at another person. The School Board must expel the student and shall refer the student to an alternative program for problem students which is not on a regular campus.
- To conform with federal law the length of expulsion for a student expelled for a firearm or brandishing a knife is changed from two semesters to one calendar year from the date of the expulsion.. At the discretion of the School Board, an earlier date may be set.
- A student who possesses a knife without brandishing it or possesses an explosive or dangerous object must be recommended for expulsion unless the Principal justifies the circumstances. The School Board may expel, but expulsion is not mandatory.
- A “knife” is defined as a dirk, dagger, or other weapon with a fixed, sharpened blade fitted primarily for stabbing, a weapon with a blade longer than three inches, a folding knife with a locking blade, or a razor with an unguarded blade.
- A student may be expelled for possession of an imitation firearm. An imitation is a replica so similar to a firearm as to mislead a reasonable person.
- A student expelled for having a firearm or brandishing a knife may not be enrolled in another school or another school district during the term of expulsion.