



**Official Policy  
of  
Ogden Preparatory Academy**

**8. Parents and Community**

**8.10.POL Weapons Policy**

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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to define the use of, and the ability to carry, dangerous weapons and firearms on the property of Ogden Preparatory Academy (School). This policy applies to all individuals including, but not limited to, employees, students, parents/guardians, volunteers, and visitors who are on or around school premises and other school buildings and property.

**DEFINITION OF SCHOOL PROPERTY**

School property is defined as all property including buildings, portable buildings, parking lots, fields, parks and other land under the possession of the School, whether leased or owned, where business of the School takes place.

For the purposes of this policy, the transportation to and location of a field trip is considered a location where School business takes place and therefore subject to these expectations.

**STATE LAW DEFINED**

76-10-505.5. Possession of a dangerous weapon, firearm, or sawed-off shotgun on or about school premises...(2) A person may not possess any dangerous weapon, firearm, or sawed-off shotgun, as those terms are defined in Section 76-10-501, at a place that the person knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, is on or about school premises as defined in this section.

The law further provides that a qualified person may receive a permit “to carry a concealed firearm for lawful self-defense....” UCA §53-5-704(1). A concealed dangerous weapon means “...a dangerous weapon that is covered, hidden or secreted in a manner that the public would not be aware of its presence and is readily accessible for immediate use.” UCA §76-10-501 (2)(a).

**POLICY**

Possession or use of a weapon by anyone in a school building, in or on school property, or in conjunction with any school activity, unless specifically authorized by law, is in violation of the law and School policy, and will be subject to disciplinary actions which may include termination.

Per the Safe School Policy, students are prohibited at all times from possession or use of a weapon or a look alike weapon in or on school property or in conjunction with any school activity.

### **CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT EXCEPTIONS AND CLARIFICATION**

Utah State Law allows any holder of a valid concealed weapons permit to carry a concealed weapon on school property. As a concealed weapon must be readily accessible for immediate use, any person who carries a concealed weapon on school premises, must keep it on their person at all times, and it must be fully concealed.

Employees are prohibited from keeping a concealed weapon in or on any property fixture or furniture owned by the school. This would include but not be limited to desks, closets, cabinets, or any other property owned by and located on School property.

Employees of the School who obtain concealed weapons permits do so at their own volition. Any employee's decision to carry or use a weapon will be the sole responsibility of that person as an individual, and not as an employee of the School. Employees who have concealed carry permits are obligated to have knowledge of and adhere to state and local weapons laws. If a person carries a concealed weapon in any personal container, bag, briefcase, purse, backpack, etc., that item must be on the person at all times while on school property.

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#### Legal References

UCA §53-5-704

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