

**NORWALK-LA MIRADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

INTER - OFFICE COMMUNICATION

TO: All Principals

DATE: August 13, 2004

FROM: Dr. Roberta DeLuca
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Educational Services

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Area Administrators
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SUBJECT: WEAPONS AND THREATS ON CAMPUS

Parents are to be apprized annually of the Education Code regarding the possession of weapons on campus and the procedures that must be followed after such a determination has been made.

Reference Ed. Code: 48900 Suspension or Expulsion
Reference Ed. Code: 48900.7 Terroristic Threats
Reference Ed. Code: 48915 Expulsion (attached)

Forms LN2 and LN3 are distributed to parents in both English and Spanish at the beginning of the school year and address the issue of weapons, suspensions and expulsions, however, this information must also be sent in the form of a letter or in a weekly newsletter from the school principal.

You are welcome to use the attached letter; it is in English and Spanish. If you choose to write your own, a Spanish translation must be provided on the reverse side.

PLEASE FORWARD A COPY TO YOUR AREA ADMINISTRATOR OF THE LETTER OR NEWSLETTER YOU DISTRIBUTE TO PARENTS RELATING TO THIS SUBJECT.

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La Pluma Elementary School

RE: WEAPONS ON CAMPUS

In order to assist in providing a safe environment for students, we have a site discipline plan and a school safety plan. There are also sections of the education code that specifically state the rights and responsibilities of students. There are specific procedures that must be followed to enforce the code.

Please be aware that the education code states:

The Principals or the Superintendent of Schools shall recommend a pupil's expulsion for possession of any firearm, knife, explosive or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the pupil at school or at a school activity off school grounds. (Ed. Code 48915)

Per Ed. Code 48915 and Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District Board Policy 5462, the suspension and expulsion is applicable for grades K-12 and will be enforced:

1. While on school grounds
2. While going to or coming from school
3. During the lunch period whether on or off campus
4. During or while going to or coming from a school activity

It is important that our parents are familiar with the law and can help their children understand that the result of "just bringing" any dangerous object to school will result in very serious consequences.

It is our hope that every student will support our commitment to a safe environment for all.

Please complete and sign the portion below and return it to your child's teacher. Your signature indicates to us that you received this letter.

Sincerely,

Principal

Student Name _____ Room _____

I have received the information concerning weapons on campus and have reviewed it with my son/daughter.

Parent/Guardian Signature