

## VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

**TITLE: Firearms, Knives, Weapons Policy**

**POLICY NUMBER: G016**

### **Policy Statement:**

The possession or use of firearms, pellet guns, air rifles, knives, except a pocket knife having a folding metal blade of less than three inches, and other weapons, explosives, or explosive devices on campus or while involved in any off-campus school function is strictly prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Superintendent and the Director of Public Safety. Individuals violating this policy will be subject to severe disciplinary action and/or prosecution under the law.

§18.2-308.1 *Code of Virginia*

Students of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind found in violation of this policy will be disciplined under the Student Code of Conduct, and may also be subject to prosecution under the law.

The provisions of this policy do not apply to any law-enforcement officer, or retired law-enforcement officer qualified pursuant to subsection C of §18.2-308.016 of the *Code of Virginia* who is authorized to carry a firearm in accordance with their duties or to any school security officer authorized to carry a firearm pursuant to §22.1-280.2:1 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Specific exceptions to this policy as permitted under §18.2-308.1 are:

The Facilities and Engineering Department shall be permitted to store and use a pellet gun for the purpose of dispatching trapped varmints. This activity shall be restricted to the maintenance facilities.

A starter pistol not capable of discharging a projectile shall be permitted for use at athletic events.

### **Rescission:**

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