EMPLOYEES WITH WEAPONS

I. No employee of the school system shall unlawfully carry or have a firearm or other weapon in his or her own possession while at school, on school property, or at a school activity.

For the purposes of this section:

- a) *School* means any preschool, elementary school, middle school, junior high school, secondary school, career center, or postsecondary school, whether public or nonpublic, including parking lots.
- b) <u>School Board Property</u> means property owned, leased, operated or managed by the School Board, including, but not limited to, Schools, structures, conveyances, vehicles, buses, fields, sports complexes, board rooms, trails, playgrounds, parking lots, vacant lots, construction sites, fenced land, posted land, easements, and other property generally used for educational or School Board purposes.
- c) *Firearm* means any weapon (including a starter gun) which will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; any destructive device; or any machine gun. The term "firearm" does not include an antique firearm unless the antique firearm is used in the commission of a crime.
- d) *Weapon* means any dirk, knife, metallic knuckles, razor, chain (when used as a weapon), slungshot, billie, tear gas gun, chemical weapon or device, other deadly weapon, or other prohibited item defined in Florida Statute 790.001.
- II. An employee may carry a firearm:
 - (a) During or as part of a firearms program, class, or function which has been approved in advance by the Superintendent or his/her designee as a program or class to which firearms could be carried and so long as said firearm is securely encased;
 - (b) At a career center with a firearms training range during or as part of such an approved firearms program, class, or function and so long as said firearm is securely encased; or
 - (c) When otherwise authorized by law.
- III. Employees shall not possess firearms or weapons in vehicles while said

vehicles are parked at school as part of campus parking privileges, regardless of whether such firearms or weapons are securely encased and/or inaccessible for immediate use.

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- V. Any weapon confiscated from a employee shall be immediately turned over to law enforcement.
- VI. Authorized law enforcement officers may have firearms and other approved weapons in their possession while on duty or as otherwise authorized by law.

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