



## Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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# AMSD Position on Guns on School Property

**The Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD) is opposed to arming teachers or otherwise expanding access to guns on school property.**

## AMSD BELIEVES

- A safe and welcoming learning and work environment is an essential characteristic of an effective school.
- School districts must be given the resources needed to ensure they can provide safe learning environments for their students and staff.

## BACKGROUND

Minnesota law prohibits guns from being carried on school property with the following exceptions:

- Licensed peace officers as defined by Minnesota Statute 609.66 and in accordance with federal law;
- Military personnel, or student participating in military training, who are on-duty, performing official duties;
- persons authorized to carry a pistol under section 624.714 while in a motor vehicle or outside of a motor vehicle to directly place a firearm in, or retrieve it from, the trunk or rear area of the vehicle;

- persons who keep or store in a motor vehicle pistols in accordance with section 624.714 or 624.715 or other firearms in accordance with section 97B.045;
- firearm safety or marksmanship courses or activities conducted on school property;
- possession of dangerous weapons, BB guns, or replica firearms by a ceremonial color guard;
- a gun or knife show held on school property; possession of dangerous weapons, BB guns, or replica firearms with written permission of the principal or other person having general control and supervision of the school or the director of a child care center;
- possession of dangerous weapons, BB guns, or replica firearms with written permission of the principal or other person having general control and supervision of the school; or
- persons who are on unimproved property owned or leased by a child care center, school, or school district unless the person knows that a student is currently present on the land for a school-related activity.

Under current law, non-permit holders knowingly bringing a dangerous weapon on school property are guilty of a felony while a permit holder violating the law is only guilty of a misdemeanor.