

Tuolumne JPA Concealed Weapons Policy

The Tuolumne JPA recognizes that with the recent acts of violence on school grounds that individuals may feel the need to be prepared to try to protect students and staff members.

It is the policy of the Tuolumne JPA that even if an individual has a Carry Concealed Weapon Permit no firearms, ammunition, or weapons identified in Penal Code 626.10 (a) shall be allowed on any member site. This includes weapons in vehicles and/or personal property (i.e. purses, briefcases and backpacks). This policy would make the option for Superintendent approval noted in penal code 626.9(e) not applicable to Tuolumne JPA members.

Any person specified in Penal Code 626.9(I)-(p) and 30320 is authorized by law to possess a firearm and/or ammunition on school grounds. School grounds include, but are not limited to, school buildings, fields, storage areas, and parking lots.

The Superintendent or designee of member districts shall not grant permission to any other individual to carry a firearm or ammunition on school grounds.

Any violation of this policy may result in negating any potential coverage for the incident.

Penal Code 626.9(a)

- (a) This section shall be known, and may be cited, as the Gun-Free School Zone Act of 1995.
- (b) Any person who possesses a firearm in a place that the person knows, or reasonably should know, is a school zone, as defined in paragraph (1) of subdivision (e), unless it is with the written permission of the school district superintendent, his or her designee, or equivalent school authority, shall be punished as specified in subdivision (f) imprisonment for two to five years.

Penal Code 626.10 (a)

Any person not authorized by law enforcement who brings or possesses any dirk, dagger, ice pick, knife having a blade longer than 2 ½ inches, folding knife with a blade that locks into place, razor with an unguarded blade, taser, or stun gun or any instrument that expels a metallic projectile such as a BB or a pellet, through the force of air pressure, CO2 pressure, or spring action, or any spot marker gun upon the grounds of a K-12 school is guilty of a public offense, punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not to exceed one year.

Penal Code 30310

Unless it is with the written permission of the school district superintendent, the superintendent's designee, or equivalent school authority, no person shall carry ammunition or reloaded ammunition onto school grounds, except sworn law enforcement officers acting within the scope of their duties or persons exempted under Section 25450.

<u>AB 424:</u> An act to amend Sections 626.9, 26370, and 26405 of the Penal Code, relating to firearms. October 14, 2017

This bill deletes the authority of a school district superintendent, his or her designee, or equivalent school authority to provide written permission for a person to possess a firearm within a school zone. By expanding the scope of a crime, the bill would create a state-mandated local program. The bill would exempt from that crime the activities of a program involving shooting sports or activities that are sanctioned by a school, school district, college, university, or other governing body of the institution, as specified, and the activities of a certified hunter education program, as specified.

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