



USAG GRAFENWOEHR SCHOOLS

Grafenwoehr Elementary School
Unit 28127
APO AE 09114



ZERO TOLERANCE FOR WEAPONS (ZTW) FORM

STUDENT'S NAME	FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2009/2010
	GRADE:

Although there has never been a significant problem with weapons at Grafenwöhr Elementary School, this form is intended to ensure that all parents and students, especially those new to the school, have a thorough understanding of school and community policy regarding weapons.

Students occasionally bring to school items, which they might not think of as weapons, but which could possibly be used as a weapon. Both DoDDS-Europe and the USAG Grafenwoehr have zero tolerance policies on weapons. Students who bring weapons to school will receive notice of proposed expulsion from school, and the incident and proposed disciplinary action will be deliberated by the school Disciplinary Committee. Any incidence of weapons in the school is also reported immediately to the military police and the USAG Grafenwoehr.

According to DoDEA Regulation 2051.1, August 16, 1996, Disciplinary Rules and Procedures, "Weapons are items carried, presented, or used in the presence of other persons in a manner likely to make reasonable persons fear for their safety. They include, but are not limited to, guns, look-alike (replica) guns, knives, razors, razor blades, box or carpet cutters, slingshots, nunchucks, any flailing instrument such as a fighting chain or heavy studded or chain belt, objects designed to project a missile, explosives, mace, pepper spray, or any other similar propellant, or any other object concealed, displayed, brandished in a manner that reasonable provokes fear." Weapons could include items not designed as weapons, such as locks, rocks, bats, or even nail files, if they are used or intended to be used to hurt others. Weapons can be any items used to hurt someone.

Any student having knowledge of a weapon or unsafe situation is responsible to report it to an adult. The student should report any alleged weapon or unsafe situation, whether the student knows it to be a fact or not. Not reporting a weapon, an unsafe situation, or withholding information that could keep the school safe will result in disciplinary action.

Below are some frequently asked questions and answers regarding Zero Tolerance for Weapons:

Q: What is meant by Zero Tolerance?

A: Zero Tolerance means that weapons or replicas are not allowed in school. Precise steps will quickly be taken to rectify the problem. Severe corrective action and punitive actions will be taken. No leniency will be shown towards violators.

Q: Are school busses considered school property?

A: Yes, weapons are not allowed on school busses, nor at any school functions or activities.

Q: Can students get into trouble if they know about or assist someone who has a weapon?

A: Yes, knowing about a weapon without reporting it to a school official is considered a policy infraction.

Q: Can student get into trouble for bringing a knife to school for a scout meeting after school, even if they keep it in their backpack?

A: Yes, bringing a weapon or replica to school or possessing such an item is a violation of the policy.

Q: Is threatening someone with an object not normally considered a weapon an infraction?

A: Yes, items not designed as weapons, but used as weapons to harm, frighten, or threaten someone are considered weapons.

Q: Can students be expelled or suspended from school for bringing in items that look like weapons?

A: Yes, items that resemble weapons will be considered as a weapon replica and are not allowed at school. Even toys that look like weapons.

I understand the above school policy.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

DATE