

ROCK HILL LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SAFETY UPDATE

ORC 2923.122

2923.122 Illegal conveyance or possession of deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance or of object indistinguishable from firearm in school safety zone.

(A) No person shall knowingly convey, or attempt to convey, a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance into a school safety zone.

(B) No person shall knowingly possess a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance in a school safety zone.

(C) No person shall knowingly possess an object in a school safety zone if both of the following apply:

(1) The object is indistinguishable from a firearm, whether or not the object is capable of being fired.

(2) The person indicates that the person possesses the object and that it is a firearm, or the person knowingly displays or brandishes the object and indicates that it is a firearm.

(D)

(1) This section does not apply to any of the following:

(a) An officer, agent, or employee of this or any other state or the United States, or a law enforcement officer, who is authorized to carry deadly weapons or dangerous ordnance and is acting within the scope of the officer's, agent's, or employee's duties, a security officer employed by a board of education or governing body of a school during the time that the security officer is on duty pursuant to that contract of employment, or **any other person who has written authorization from the board of education** or governing body of a school to convey deadly weapons or dangerous ordnance into a school safety zone or to possess a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance in a school safety zone and who conveys or possesses the deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance in accordance with that authorization;

Faculty/Administrator Safety Training & Emergency Response

Specialized training at TDI (Tactical Defense Institute) through a partnership with Buckeye Firearms Association

- 1) Recognizing Signs of Active Shooter
- 2) Armed Response
- 3) Trauma Care

Staff Authorized by the Board: (MUST MEET and MAINTAIN ALL QUALIFICATIONS)

- 1) Screening process by the Superintendent
- 2) Concealed Carry Permit (12 hours)
- 3) Completed additional training approved by the Superintendent – TDI (27 hours)
- 4) Passage of OPOTA (Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy firearms qualification)
<http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Files/Law-Enforcement/Ohio-Peace-Officer-Training-Academy/OPOTA-news/Semi-Auto-Pistol-Qualification-Course-of-Fire.aspx>
- 5) Semi Annual firearms qualification meeting OPOTA requirements
- 6) Periodic Background Checks
- 7) Written Authorization from the Board of Education/Superintendent.

Schools are starting to take the steps necessary to protect our children and faculty. Buckeye Firearms Foundation has joined Tactical Defense Institute who has put together a training course by experts who have spent their lives studying the field of human behavior and violence. For the last 2 years they have been training educators on how to respond to a violent encounter. Other states in the US have been doing this for over a decade. Arming staff is becoming the norm. Those who remain skeptical are basing their decisions on outdated information. The experts have unanimously agreed that the quickest way to save lives is by having a response from within the school versus waiting an undetermined amount of time for an external response and we applaud Rock Hill for setting the bar and taking the steps necessary to protect our children and way of life.

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