

INFORMATION BULLETIN

REPLICA WEAPONS & STUDENT SAFETY



Airsoft guns can be easily mistaken for real guns, with potentially deadly consequences. Many of these replica guns have all the markings of real guns including the trademarks of the real gun manufacturers. Just as you would not display a real firearm in public, the same is true with airsoft guns. Airsoft guns are not “cap” guns or “squirt” guns. Remember, it is very difficult to visibly distinguish an airsoft gun from a real gun.

WHAT ARE THE CONCERNS ABOUT REPLICA GUNS?

Schools, parents and other community members should be aware of the potential danger of toy and replica guns.

- » While such guns may be considered toys, many replica and toy guns can be easily mistaken as real.
- » Reports that a handgun was seen typically results in a very rapid, high-level police response, as police must treat all such reports as involving a real gun.
- » Some replica guns are so realistic, they can easily be seen as an actual weapon and may result in a defensive action when pointed at someone.
- » Police officers and other security personnel are trained to draw their own weapons in defense when threatened.
- » **Having a real or replica weapon in school or on school grounds violates district policy and will result in serious consequences for students.**

PARENTS ARE URGED TO MONITOR THEIR CHILDREN'S BELONGINGS TO BE AWARE OF THE VERY REAL DANGERS IN OWNING OR USING THIS “TOY.”



WHAT IS THE DELTA SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY ON REPLICA GUNS?

Students shall not possess or use any replica or toy weapon, on any school premises or at any activity off school premises that is organized or sponsored by a school, except as a prop in a theatrical production. If the replica or toy weapon is used in a school theatrical production, it shall be stored appropriately when not required for the production.

*POSSESSION OF A REPLICA WEAPON ON SCHOOL PROPERTY IS CONSIDERED UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT
RE: DELTA CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY 350*