



CHAPTER 115C
ARTICLE 27 - DISCIPLINE

N.C.G.S. § 115C-390.10.

365-day suspension for gun possession.

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- § 115C-390.10(a)** All governing bodies of public school units shall develop and implement written policies and procedures, as required by the federal Gun Free Schools Act, 20 U.S.C. § 7151, requiring suspension for 365 calendar days of any student who is determined to have brought or been in possession of a firearm or destructive device on educational property, or to a school-sponsored event off of educational property. A principal shall recommend to the superintendent the 365-day suspension of any student believed to have violated governing body policies regarding weapons. The superintendent has the authority to suspend for 365 days a student who has been recommended for such suspension by the principal when such recommendation is consistent with governing body policies. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the superintendent may modify, in writing, the required 365-day suspension for an individual student on a case-by-case basis. The superintendent shall not impose a 365-day suspension if the superintendent determines that the student took or received the firearm or destructive device from another person at school or found the firearm or destructive device at school, provided that the student delivered or reported the firearm or destructive device as soon as practicable to a law enforcement officer or a school employee and had no intent to use such firearm or destructive device in a harmful or threatening way.
- § 115C-390.10(b)** The principal must report all incidents of firearms or destructive devices on educational property or at a school-sponsored event as required by G.S. 115C-288(g) and State Board of Education policy.
- § 115C-390.10(c)** Nothing in this provision shall apply to a firearm that was brought onto educational property for activities approved and authorized by the governing body of the public

school unit, provided that the governing body has adopted appropriate safeguards to protect student safety.

§ 115C-390.10(d) At the time the student and parent receive notice that the student is suspended for 365 days under this section, the superintendent shall provide notice to the student and the student's parent of the right to petition the governing body of the public school unit for readmission pursuant to G.S. 115C-390.12.

§ 115C-390.10(e) The procedures described in G.S. 115C-390.8 apply to students facing a 365-day suspension pursuant to this section.

§ 115C-390.10(f) Students who are suspended for 365 days pursuant to this section shall be considered for alternative educational services consistent with the provisions of G.S. 115C-390.9.- (2011-282, s. 2; 2022-74, s. 7.7(h).)

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Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 115C-288(g)	(b)	"a school-sponsored event as required by"
G.S. 115C-390.12	(d)	"school unit for readmission pursuant to"
G.S. 115C-390.8	(e)	"The procedures described in"
G.S. 115C-390.9	(f)	"services consistent with the provisions of"

APPARATUS III

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