

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

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April 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Pennsylvania General Assembly has enacted legislation (Act 26) that requires all public schools to take a mandatory course of action in dealing with students who are found to be in possession of weapons.

The law requires the arrest and expulsion, for at least one year, of any student found in possession of a weapon on school property, in a school program, or while traveling to or from a school program, including time on public transportation.

The law defines a weapon to include, but not limited to, any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, firearm, shotgun, rifle and any other tool or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury. There is no requirement that the student use or try to use the weapon, and **possession for self-protection is not a defense**. Parents are encouraged not to send tools or supplies such as metal or pointed scissors to school with your children unless you receive a written request from the teacher.

The law requires that violations will become a part of a student's permanent disciplinary record, and will be available to any school in which the student may later enroll. Parents will be required to sign an affidavit prior to enrolling their child in any public school to disclose the existence of any weapons violations or other serious violations.

These measures, required by Act 26, are designed as a safeguard to ensure that all public schools are safe havens in which all students may interact in an environment and climate, which fosters learning, and strongly discourages potential acts of violence.

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**ADMISSIONS AFFIDAVIT
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I, _____, of student
(Parent/Guardian)

_____, do hereby swear/affirm that the
(Student Name)

above identified student: (check one)

- 1. _____ is currently on
- 2. _____ was previously on
- 3. _____ was never on

Suspension or expulsion from any public or private school in Pennsylvania or any other jurisdiction for possession or use of any weapon, drugs, or alcohol, or for any act of violence on school property or for any act which resulted in injury to another person.

If number one or two above applies to this student you must provide the following information:

- 1. The name and address of the school from which the student was suspended or expelled:

- 2. The dates of the suspension(s) or expulsion.

- 3. The reason(s) for the suspension(s) or expulsion.

I make this statement with the full knowledge that any misstatement or omission makes me subject to the criminal penalties of 24 P.S. Section 1304A relating to falsification of this document.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____