



## **Liberty STEAM Charter Gun Free Schools Act Policy**

Liberty STEAM Charter School is committed to maintaining a safe learning environment and complying with the Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994 and applicable South Carolina law.

For purposes of this policy, “firearm” shall have the meaning set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 921(a), as amended, including any weapon (including a starter gun) that will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, as well as the frame or receiver of such weapon, any firearm muffler or silencer, and any destructive device as defined by federal law.

Any student who is determined, after appropriate due process, to have brought a firearm to LSC or to have possessed a firearm on school property, at a school-sponsored activity, or at any location under the supervision or control of the School shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year, unless modified in accordance with this policy.

LSC’s Superintendent may modify the required one-year expulsion on a case-by-case basis. Any modification shall be made in writing and shall state the reasons supporting the modification.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed to limit the rights of students with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (“IDEA”), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or any other applicable law.

LSC shall refer any student who brings or possesses a firearm in violation of this policy to the appropriate criminal justice or juvenile delinquency authorities, as required by the Gun-Free Schools Act and applicable law.

### **Legal References:**

Gun Free Schools Act, 20 U.S.C. § 7961  
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