



# San Pasqual

## Union School District

*The Little School in the Valley*

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Given the state of affairs in our country today, we all must cooperate to keep our schools safe and free of weapons and drugs. Thus, we are asking for your cooperation in helping us enforce our strict weapons and drug policies.

Under no circumstances should a student bring to school a knife, penknife, weapon, gun or imitation firearm, explosives or firecrackers, or other dangerous instrument, such as mace or pepper spray. Other items unsafe for children to bring to school because they could cause injury would include, but not be limited to: laser pointers, poppers, bottle/can openers, toy guns, or any items with sharp points. In the past, parents have sent knives with children to peel or cut lunch fruits. Please do the cutting or peeling at home. According to California Education Code 48915 and Board Policy 5131.7, if your child brings a knife or any weapon to school, your child shall be subject to suspension and may be required to attend an expulsion hearing. It is important that you know and understand that this policy and its penalties apply to children in all grades, kindergarten through eighth.

Similarly, a student should not bring drugs, legal or illegal, to school. Per Education Code 49423, any student who must take prescribed medication at school must submit a written statement of instructions from the physician or physician assistant and a parental request for assistance in administering the medications. Education Code 49480 notes that the parent of any student on a continuing medication regimen must inform the school nurse of the medication being taken. Per Board Policy 5131.6, students possessing, using or selling alcohol or other drugs or related paraphernalia shall be subject to disciplinary procedures including suspension or expulsion and/or referral to law enforcement.

We are asking that parents assist the schools in keeping all children safe by being aware of the contents of their backpacks and not allowing them to bring to school anything that is inappropriate or unsafe. Please discuss these subjects with your child and confirm by signing as indicated during registration on our Signature Page.

If you have any questions, please call us.

Yours truly,

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