



REDBANK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear RVSD Parents, Guardians, and Employees:

Act 44 of 2025, section 1303.2-A of the school code, requires school districts to notify parents, guardians, and employees within 24 hours of any incident involving possession of a weapon that occurs on school property, at a school-sponsored event, or while using school transportation.

On the afternoon of 4/15/26, two separate incidents occurred within the RVSD involving students possessing weapons on school property. The first incident involved an RVPS student who brought a pocketknife to school to show classmates on the playground. A teacher on scene saw the knife, confiscated it, and notified the building principal. No threats or injuries occurred. The second incident took place at RVHS, where a student chased a classmate in the locker room while holding a screwdriver. School administration responded immediately to both incidents and issued discipline in accordance with RVSD policies and state law. Please be assured that the safety of our students and staff remains our top priority.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's building principal. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued partnership in maintaining a safe learning environment.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Guidice
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