



Southern Huntingdon County School District
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Act 44 of 2025 became effective in January of 2026. This new Pennsylvania law requires schools to notify parents/guardians and school staff within twenty-four hours when incidents involving possession of a “weapon” occur on school grounds or at school activities.

The law is meant to be preventive, ensuring that no items that resemble or are defined as weapons are on school property, and that you are informed.

Earlier today, a BB air pistol was found in a vehicle parked at the High School/Middle School. The item was immediately secured in accordance with District procedures. The police were contacted and arrived shortly thereafter to investigate. The matter was handled promptly and appropriately. **There was no safety concern or threat to anyone.** However, because of the law and because the BB air pistol is defined as a weapon, I must notify you that it was on school property.

Please refer to the webpage for frequently asked questions regarding Act 44 of 2025:
<https://shcsd.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Frequently-Asked-Questions-Act-44-SHC.pdf>

Again, at no time was there a threat to students or staff.

Sincerely,

Hillary Lambert

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Superintendent