

Firearms

The College District prohibits the use, possession, or display of a firearm on College District property or at a College District-sponsored or -related activity in violation of law and College District regulations.

Open Carry

The open display of a handgun in plain view of another person on College District property is prohibited except by an authorized individual, such as a peace officer, while in the actual discharge of his or her duty, in accordance with law.

Concealed Carry

A license holder may carry a concealed handgun, on or about the license holder's person, on College District property unless otherwise prohibited by law or adopted rules of the College District.

The College District shall employ all reasonable means to delineate exclusionary zones with signage in accordance with law; however, license holders shall be responsible for complying with the College District's rules and applicable federal and state law prohibitions.

A license holder residing in College District residence halls shall be allowed to possess handguns provided that:

1. Such possession is in accordance with law and the College District's established rules and regulations; and
2. The license holder stores his or her handguns handgun(s) in a gun safe approved by the College District and installed in the license holder's room.

Students who are assigned to a room residence hall room where a firearm is stored and who are concerned about their well-being may request a transfer to another room.

Additional information concerning the possession of firearms in College District housing shall be published in the housing contract.

*Prohibited Areas
by Law*

The following is a list of areas prohibited from concealed carry in accordance with law:

1. Where a high school, collegiate, intramural, or professional sporting event or interscholastic event is taking place;
2. Where any properly posted open meeting, subject to the Open Meetings Act, is taking place so long as notice is provided in accordance with law;
3. Where any UIL-sanctioned competition is being held;
4. Where any formal disciplinary hearing is being held;

5. Where any other official governmental meeting or judicial proceeding is being conducted; and
6. Where polling is being conducted for local, state, or federal elections.

*Exclusionary
Zones*

The College President has the sole authority to designate a specific premise or venue an exclusionary zone. Therefore, except as provided herein, without the express written consent of the College President, no faculty member, staff member, student, or student group may exclude a specific premise or venue as "off limits."

The following are additional exclusionary zones:

1. Any College District event where alcohol is being served by an organization subject to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission rules and regulations; and
2. Performance venues and locations during ticketed events if a temporary designation is obtained in accordance with this policy.

*Temporary
Exclusionary
Zones*

Temporary exclusionary zones may be established by the College President. Requests for a temporary exclusion must be reasonably justified, and the requestor must provide evidence that a concealed handgun creates some special danger. Requests for exclusion must be provided in writing to the Office of the President at least 90 days prior to the date of the event.

The College President shall establish a campus carry committee to assist in the process of approving exclusions. The committee shall investigate requests for exclusions and make a recommendation to the College President concerning the request. The chair and members of this committee shall be appointed by the College President and shall include representatives from the Office of Vice President for Business Services, Office of the Vice President for Instruction, Faculty Association, Staff Advisory Group, Student Government Association, Office of the ~~Vice President for Student Services~~ Dean of Student Affairs, Office of Human Resources, and Office of Public Safety and Emergency Management.

**Other Weapons
Prohibited**

The College District prohibits the use, possession, or display of any location-restricted knife, club, knuckles, or prohibited weapon, as defined by law, on College District property or at a College District-sponsored or -related activity, unless written authorization is granted in advance by the College President or designee.

Additionally, the following weapons are prohibited on College District property or at any College District-sponsored or -related activity:

SITE MANAGEMENT
WEAPONS

CHF
(LOCAL)

1. Fireworks of any kind;
2. Incendiary devices;
3. Instruments designed to expel a projectile with the use of pressurized air, like a BB gun;
4. Razors;
5. Chains; or
6. Martial arts throwing stars.

The possession or use of articles not generally considered to be weapons may be prohibited when the College President or designee determines that a danger exists for any student, College District employee, or College District property by virtue of possession or use.

Publication

The rules and regulations referenced in this policy and other education information including safety procedures shall be widely distributed to members of the College District community and published on the College District's website, student and employee handbooks, and other publications.

Violations

Employees and students found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action. [See DH, FM, and FMA]