

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	HUMAN RESOURCES/INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WEAPONS ON CAMPUS	Policy 4.03.09
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Students, staff, faculty and visitors are legally prohibited from carrying a weapon onto campus unless a legal exception applies. For purposes of this policy, a "weapon" includes firearms, explosives, BB guns, stun guns, air rifles or pistols and certain types of knives or other sharp instruments (see N.C.G.S. § 14-269.2).

The prohibition does not apply if the weapon is on campus pursuant to one of the reasons listed in N.C.G.S. § 14-269.2(g) (exceptions mainly applying for law enforcement officers and for educational reasons). It is the individual's responsibility to know and understand the law prior to bringing any weapon onto campus. Failure to follow the law, regardless of the person's intent, will result in appropriate disciplinary action and a referral to local law enforcement.

It is permissible for an individual to bring a handgun onto campus under the following limited circumstances:

1. The firearm is a handgun; AND
2. The individual has a valid concealed handgun permit (or is exempt from the law requiring a permit); AND
3. The handgun remains in either: a closed compartment or container within the locked vehicle of the permit holder; or a locked container securely affixed to the locked vehicle of the permit holder; AND
4. The vehicle is only unlocked when the permit holder is entering or exiting the vehicle; AND
5. The handgun remains in the closed compartment at all times.
6. Firearms (and other weapons prohibited on campus) may not be stored or transported in College-owned or rented vehicles.

Cross Reference: 4.03.02 – Employee Code of Conduct

Legal Reference: N.C. Session Law 2013-369 (Amendment to State Firearms Laws);
N.C.G.S. § 14-269 et al.

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