

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, the provisions of this policy, and College District regulations.

Licensed peace officers are authorized by law to carry firearms at all times.

Open Carry

The open carrying of handguns on College District property is prohibited.

Carrying Concealed Handguns on Campus

A license holder may carry a concealed handgun, on or about the license holder's person, on College District property or in a College District vehicle, unless prohibited by state or federal law, college policy, or procedure.

A license holder is responsible for complying with the applicable federal and state law prohibitions.

A license holder shall secure his or her handgun at all times when it is not on or about his or her person.

Residential Facilities

An individual living in College District-owned or -leased and operated dormitories or other residential facilities who is a license holder and wants to store a handgun in his or her room shall acquire and securely store it in an approved storage device.

Single Occupancy Offices

Concealed carry is permitted in single occupancy offices. An employee may submit a written request for exemption in accordance with administrative regulations established by the Chancellor.

An employee who is a license holder may store a handgun in his or her office so long as the handgun is secured in a locked compartment in accordance with administrative regulations.

Laboratories and Other Hazardous Areas

A license holder may not carry a concealed handgun on the second floor of the Health Sciences Center due to the presence of hands-on labs, which require physical contact, as well as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and X-ray machines, which pose a significant safety risk with the presence of firearms.

Areas Where Minor Children Are Present

This section applies to specific areas of the College District's campuses where minor children may be present.

Dual Credit Classrooms—A license holder may carry a concealed handgun in classrooms where dual credit classes are taught on a College District campus. Dual credit classes on high school campuses shall adhere to the rules set forth at that specific location.

Child Care Facilities—The College District does not own or operate any facility designated solely for this purpose.

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The Star of the Republic Museum and the Dr. W.W. O'Donnell Performing Arts Center— A license holder may carry a concealed handgun in the Star of the Republic Museum and the Dr. W.W. O'Donnell Performing Arts Center.

*UIL-Sponsored
and Sporting
Events*

Texas Penal Code Subsection 46.035 (b)(2) prohibits concealed carry at any collegiate sporting event or UIL-sponsored event. Appropriate signage to that effect must be in place in accordance with Texas Penal Code 30.06. Guidelines for posting approved signage must be established and reflected in administrative procedures.

Permanent signage shall be installed at the Kruse Center, Physical Education Building, and Leroy Dreyer Baseball Field, indicating that when sporting events take place concealed carry is banned. The signs shall use the standard Penal Code Section 30.06 language, but shall also include the statement, "During any sporting or UIL-sponsored event," to clearly indicate when the ban is in place. Temporary signage shall be posted in areas such as Hohlt Park where softball and other official sporting events take place, as well as outside of rooms where academic UIL events occur.

*Other Events or
Programs*

Programs or divisions that wish to temporarily restrict concealed carry shall submit a written request for exemption in accordance with administrative regulations established by the Chancellor.

*Patient Care
Areas*

A license holder may carry a concealed handgun in health-care facilities located on a College District campus.

*Formal Hearing
Areas*

A license holder shall be prohibited from carrying a concealed handgun during any grievance process, appeal proceeding involving a disinterested third-party committee gathering testimony from the involved parties, or the formal hearing portion of the total process, as detailed in Board policy and administrative regulations. The hearing committee shall request that appropriate temporary signage regarding the ban be posted outside the location of such hearings, in accordance with law. Guidelines for posting approved signage shall be published in administrative regulations.

Campus Vehicles

A license holder may carry a concealed handgun in College District vehicles.

**Other Weapons
Prohibited**

The College District prohibits the use, possession, or display of any location-restricted knife, club, 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 Chancellor or designee.

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

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1. Fireworks of any kind;
2. Incendiary devices;
3. Instruments designed to expel a projectile with the use of pressurized air, such as 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 Chancellor or designee determines that a danger exists for any student, College District employee, or College District property by virtue of possession or use.

Violations

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