

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 carry of firearms shall be prohibited on any College District campus or center premises, including all public driveways, street sidewalks, or parking areas.

Concealed Carry
Definitions

The following definitions shall apply to the concealed carry of handguns on College District property:

- Campus: All land, buildings, and portions of buildings owned or leased by the College District.
- Campus housing: A residential facility owned or leased and operated by the College District.
- Collegiate sports: Intercollegiate, club, and intramural athletic activities occurring on the campus premises.
- Concealed handgun: A handgun, which is not openly noticeable to the ordinary observation of a reasonable person.
- Handgun: Any firearm that is designed, made, or adapted to be fired with one hand.
- Interscholastic event: A function or program involving elementary or secondary schools.
- License holder: A person licensed to carry a handgun in accordance with law.
- Notice: The meaning assigned by law.
- Secure gun storage: A safe, gun safe, gun case, lock box, or other device that is designed to be or can be used to store a firearm and that is designed to be unlocked only by means of a key, a combination, or other similar means.
- Store: To take steps that a reasonable person would take to prevent access to a firearm, including, but not limited to, placing a firearm in a secure gun storage.

General Provisions

Those individuals who lawfully hold a license to carry shall be permitted to carry a concealed handgun on College District property unless otherwise prohibited by law or this policy. This policy shall not apply to commissioned peace officers.

License holders must follow applicable state laws and College District policy and procedures.

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License holders may be asked to show proof of license to a commissioned peace officer in accordance with law. No other College District employee shall ask to see an individual's license to carry.

License holders shall not be subject to prejudice for lawfully expressing the right to carry.

Liability	A person, including employees acting outside their duties, whose possession, use, or storage of a handgun results in personal injury or property damage shall be personally liable for the injury or damage.
Storage	The College District shall not provide general storage for firearms. Individuals shall lawfully store their handgun when going to a place on campus where concealed carry is prohibited.
<i>Campus Housing</i>	A resident student who is a license holder shall carry the concealed weapon on his or her person or store the weapon in secure gun storage provided by the resident that has been approved by the College District's police department. The weapon must only be visible during the time it takes the resident to transfer the weapon from his or her person to the secure gun storage.
Residents	
Nonresidents	Nonresident license holders shall carry the weapon on their persons at all times and shall not be permitted to store the weapon in campus housing.
<i>Prohibited Areas</i>	The College President or designee shall have the authority to prohibit the carrying of concealed handguns in order to promote safety at any campus or center premises when appropriate. The following areas are prohibited from concealed carry: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A location where a high school or collegiate sporting event or interscholastic event is taking place in accordance with law;2. Areas where minors are present at the discretion of the College President or designee;3. Any location where law enforcement or correctional training is conducted, unless expressly authorized by the director of protective services for training purposes; in no circumstance shall live ammunition be allowed in these areas;4. All College District testing center locations;5. The Skills Training Center Welding Lab; and6. All locker rooms.
<i>Temporary Prohibition</i>	An individual shall be permitted to request that an event be temporarily exempt from campus carry provisions. The request shall be

submitted in writing to the College President or designee. The individual requesting the exemption must include specific safety issues that would exclude the event from concealed carry. The College President or designee shall respond to the request within five working days.

A license holder shall be permitted to request review of the decision to temporarily prohibit the carry of a concealed handgun at an event. The request must be made in writing to the College President or designee. The College President or designee shall respond to the request within five working days.

Notice

The College District shall provide notice where handguns are prohibited in accordance with law.

Training

The College District police and/or the director of protective services shall provide safe campus training as directed by the College President.

*Report to
Legislature*

The College President or designee shall submit a report to the Texas Legislature describing the College District's adopted rules that regulate concealed handguns on campus and the reason for the rules. The report shall be submitted to the Board of Directors prior to submission to the Legislature. The report shall be submitted no later than September 1, 2018, and then every even-numbered year thereafter.

**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:

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.

Violations

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

Violations of College District rules that are also violations of state law may be prosecuted criminally.