

Policy Manual



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GENERAL STATEMENT

The purpose of this policy is to enhance the College's desire to create a safe and secure environment in which to learn and work, and one that is violence free.

This policy is applicable to all members of the Broward College community, including all students, faculty, staff, visitors, contractors and guests to the College and any of its campuses, facilities and events.

Broward College prohibits the display, possession, storage or concealment of weapons and firearms, except as allowed by law at all College locations or at College-sponsored events whether on or off College property, in accordance with Florida Statutes.

The College does not prohibit law enforcement officers, or those individuals who are enrolled in a Broward College basic training, equivalency of training, advanced or specialized courses for criminal justice and law enforcement officers and other qualified first responders, or college employees who provide such training, to possess weapons and firearms on College property.

Broward College reserves the right to make reasonable inquiries of individuals observed with a weapon or firearm, and confirm that the display, possession, or storage of the weapons or firearm is in accordance with Florida Statute and College policy.

Faculty and staff should refer to College Policy 6Hx2-3.40 – Workplace Violence for additional information.

IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT

The President has the authority to establish procedures to implement this policy.

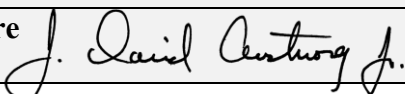
The Vice President of Student Services has the responsibility for the development of this policy in consultation with the Vice President of Operations, the Executive Director of Human Resources and Equity, and the Associate Vice President of Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness and Campus Presidents.

The Campus President where an alleged infraction occurs has the responsibility for direct implementation of this policy in consultation with the Vice President of Student Services, Executive Director of Human Resources and Associate Vice President of Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness.

VIOLATION OF POLICY

Student violations will be determined in accordance with College Policy 6Hx-5.02, Student Code of Conduct.

Employee violations of this policy will be determined in accordance with applicable College policies and procedures.

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In addition, any individual in violation of this policy may be subject to trespass in accordance with College Policy 6Hx2-2.02, and to criminal prosecution in accordance with law.

DEFINITIONS

1. **Weapons** – means:
 - a) Any dirk, knife, metallic knuckles, slingshot, billie, tear gas gun, chemical weapon or device, or other deadly weapons except a firearm or a common pocketknife, plastic knife, or blunt-bladed table knife; and.
 - b) Any destructive device in accordance with Florida law, including a bomb, grenade, mine, rocket, missile, pipebomb, or similar device containing an explosive, incendiary, or poison gas and includes any frangible container filled with an explosive, incendiary, explosive gas, or expanding gas, which is designed or so constructed as to explode by such filler and is capable of causing bodily harm or property damage.

2. **Firearm** - Any weapon (including a starter gun) which will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; any destructive device; or any machine gun. The term "firearm" does not include an antique firearm unless the antique firearm is used in the commission of a crime.

3. **Law Enforcement Officer** - means:
 - a) All officers or employees of the United States or the State of Florida, or any agency, commission, department, board, division, municipality, or subdivision thereof, who have authority to make arrests;
 - b) Officers or employees of the United States or the State of Florida, or any agency, commission, department, board, division, municipality, or subdivision thereof, duly authorized to carry a concealed weapon;
 - c) Members of the Armed Forces of the United States, the organized reserves, state militia, or Florida National Guard, when on duty, when preparing themselves for, or going to or from, military duty, or under orders;
 - d) An employee of the state prisons or correctional systems who has been so designated by the Department of Corrections or by a warden of an institution;
 - e) All peace officers; and
 - f) All state attorneys and United States attorneys and their respective assistants and investigators.

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