

Policy Statement

Terra State Community College prohibits carrying, displaying, possession, and/or usage of any firearm and/or weapon by all persons while on college property.

This policy is designed to create and maintain an environment that sustains the general health, well-being, and safety of students, employees, visitors to Terra State Community College.

Policy Details

Firearms have been forbidden on Terra State Community College campus and college property per State law and that continues with the new law unless the subject is authorized by the College. Please see Ohio Revised Code [Section 2923.12](#) Carrying Concealed Weapons and Ohio Revised Code [Section 2923.122](#) Illegal conveyance or possession of deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance or of object indistinguishable from firearm in school safety zone.

Procedures

Exceptions

The following persons or groups shall be an exception to the policy and are permitted the utilization of weapons under certain circumstances:

- a. Any federal, state, or local law enforcement officer who is authorized to carry a firearm in the normal scope of their duties shall be permitted to carry while on campus and college property.
- b. Faculty and staff members with an approved Weapons Authorization form (found on Terra State share point under Campus Safety & Security), signed by their department dean or direct supervisor, the Director of Campus Safety & Security, and the President shall be permitted to transport and/or display certain prohibited weapons for educational or artistic usage provided they abide by the following conditions:
 - i. Notification to the Terra State Community College Director of Campus Safety & Security at 419-559-2389 must be made seven business days prior to the intended usage date. The weapon(s) will be subject to inspection by the Director of Campus Safety & Security. Authorization will be determined up to 7 business days prior to intended usage date.
 - ii. Functional firearms and live ammunition are strictly prohibited.
 - iii. The weapon must be contained in a case while being transported and must not be removed unless inside a classroom or office.
 - iv. Any simulated/nonfunctional firearm used for artistic or theatrical purposes must be inspected by the Director of Campus Safety & Security prior to its intended use. The usage of the weapon must be confined to rehearsal spaces, the theater, and the immediate vicinity of the theater and/or exhibition space.
- c. Any member of the United States military and/or student of the military science program acting in their official capacity shall be permitted to utilize such weapons as prescribed by their own policy.
- d. Any employee of Terra State Community College who is employed as a maintenance worker, technician, groundskeeper, storekeeper, parking employee, vendor, contractor, or other position not listed above whose normal duties require the use of knives, utility knives, leather man tools, or other cutting instruments shall be permitted to possess, carry, and use those instruments while engaged in his or her normal course of duties.

- e. Any Terra State Community College police academy instructor employed as a law enforcement officer or who is a retired law enforcement officer, who is within the scope of his or her duties, shall be permitted the use of such weapons.
 - i. Requesting to have a deadly weapon authorization form to carry a deadly weapon on campus and college property must be approved and signed by their department dean or direct supervisor, the Director of Campus Safety & Security, and the President prior to having weapon on campus and college property. Please see steps B1-5 above.
- f. Any Terra State Community College police academy cadet under the instruction of TSCC police academy instructors shall be permitted the use of such weapons provided or approved by the TSCC peace officer training academy.
- g. Any instructor of, or student enrolled in any marksmanship class shall be permitted the utilization of firearms provided by Terra State Community College while on the range during class hours.

Violations: Any student, faculty member, visitor or staff member who knowingly violates this policy could be subject to the appropriate disciplinary process. This includes student discipline and/or the process for discipline set forth in the respective collective bargaining agreements. Any visitor who knowingly violates the policy could be barred from college property.

Resources

Weapons authorization form can be found on Terra State employee share point under Campus Safety & Security found at <https://terrastatecommunitycol.sharepoint.com/SitePages/Home.aspx?wa=wsignin1.0>.

Resources

Definitions

Term	Definition
<i>All Persons</i>	applies to students, faculty, staff, visitors, vendors, contractors, as well as any other individuals on college property
<i>College Property</i>	applies to all Terra State Community College owned or controlled property and all college-sponsored functions and events
<i>Firearms and weapons</i>	include, but are not limited to, all firearms, whether functional, nonfunctional, or simulated; ammunition; knives (any sharp-pointed or edged instrument except instructional supplies, unaltered nail files and clips and tools used solely for preparation of food, instruction, and maintenance); swords; metal or brass knuckles; air tasers; collapsible batons; clubs; blackjacks; ku batons; paintball guns; bb guns; pellet guns; slingshots; airsoft guns; nerf guns; and any other item modified from its original purpose to be used as a weapon. The Campus Safety Manager, or designee, has the authority to modify or determine a weapon's status

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Deadly weapons Policy

Division: Campus Safety & Security

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