

STUDENT CONDUCT

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WEAPONS

Law enforcement personnel attending classes on any campus of Amarillo College are entitled to full privileges of students of the college and may carry their weapons on the campuses. Unless those law enforcement personnel authorized to carry firearms are in uniform or otherwise identified as law enforcement, weapons must be concealed.

Students may not bring to any campus or a college-related activity any weapons prohibited by law or identified below:

1. Fireworks or explosives of any kind,
2. Clubs,
3. Razors or illegal knives,
4. Chains,
5. Martial arts throwing stars, and
6. Any other object, including college supplies, used in a way that threatens or inflicts bodily injury on another person.

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 employee, or college property by virtue of possession or use.

Lockers and cars parked on college premises may be inspected by college personnel if there is reasonable cause to believe they contain weapons.

CONCEALED HANDGUNS

This rule provides guidelines for the legal carrying of concealed firearms on all campuses of Amarillo College by those with a license to do so, including prohibitions in certain areas of campus, effective August 1, 2017.

This rule was written to comply with Texas Government Code § 411.2031. This statute allows for each junior college president to consult with students, faculty, and staff to determine any areas that would be prohibited from concealed carry due to specific considerations for the safety of our campus community. This rule establishes those areas.

PROCEDURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The College President established this rule after consulting with Amarillo College students, staff and faculty about the nature of the student population, specific safety considerations, and the uniqueness of the campus environment. The Board of Regents, as required by law, reviewed these rules.
2. A handgun license holder, under Chapter 411, Texas Government Code, may carry a concealed handgun on or about the license holder's person while the license holder is on any campus of Amarillo College or in an Amarillo College vehicle, unless prohibited by state or federal law or this rule. The open carrying of a handgun on campus is prohibited. Licensed peace officers are authorized by law to carry firearms at all times.
3. Amarillo College enforces state law regulating firearms on campus. This enforcement occurs in two ways. First, campus police or other applicable law enforcement agencies will investigate and take appropriate action, including referral for criminal prosecution when violations occur. Second, Amarillo College will consider any violation of state law regulating firearms to be a violation of Amarillo College policy. Accordingly, such a violation is subject to disciplinary action under rules applicable to students, faculty, and staff.

RULES APPLICABLE TO CARRYING A CONCEALED HANDGUN ON CAMPUS

1. State Law Prohibitions – A license holder is responsible for complying with the applicable state law prohibitions.
2. Federal Law Prohibitions – A license holder is responsible for complying with the applicable federal law prohibitions.
3. Other Prohibited Campus Premises – A license holder is also prohibited from carrying a concealed handgun on the following campus premises:
 - a. the Hagy Center for Young Children on the Medi Park Campus,
 - b. the Child Development Lab on the West Campus,
 - c. the Gymnastics/Dance Facility on the West Campus,
 - d. the Amarillo Museum of Art on the Washington Street Campus,
 - e. the Carter Fitness Center on the Washington Street Campus,

- f. Any premises where the college, as determined or approved by the President as necessary for campus safety, gives effective notice on a temporary basis pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code. For this rule, the term “owner of the property” in Section 30.06(b), Penal Code, means the President of the college. No college employee is “someone with apparent authority to act for the owner” for purposes of Section 30.06(b), Penal Code. All notices under Section 30.06, Penal Code, will be institutional notice, conform to Sections 46.03 and 46.035, Penal Code, and apply equally to all handgun license holders, and
 - h. Any premises on campus leased by the college to a third party, if the third party determines to prohibit the concealed carry of handguns on the premises and provides effective notice pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code.
4. At all premises where concealed carry is prohibited, Amarillo College must give effective notice under Section 30.06, Penal Code. Signage shall be placed in conspicuous areas (entrances). Notice that is given on a card, document, or sign must contain the following language:

Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun.

De conformidad con la Sección 30.06, Código Penal (violación por el titular de la licencia con una pistola oculta), una persona licenciada bajo el Subcapítulo H, Capítulo 411, Código de Gobierno (ley de licencias arma de mano), no puede entrar en esta propiedad con una pistola oculta.

All signage must meet the minimum requirements:

- a. Include the above italicized language in both English and Spanish,
- b. Use contrasting colors, block letters, at least one inch in height,
- c. Be displayed in a conspicuous manner clearly visible to the public, and
- d. Must be approved by the President.

REVIEW OF POLICY

Each even numbered year, AC shall review this policy as follows:

- a. The Vice President for Employment and Organizational Development shall review prohibited campus premises and provide recommendations on new locations designated as prohibited.
- b. Any changes to this policy, shall be submitted to the Board of Regents for approval.

- c. The President shall submit a report to the Texas Legislature by September 1st of each even numbered year describing Amarillo College's rules, regulations, or other provisions and justifications on carrying of concealed weapons on campus. A copy of the report shall be provided to the Board of Regents.