

**Concealed Firearms Policy (100.28)**

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**CONCEALED FIREARMS**

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees to comply with the provisions of the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. PA 98-63 and subsequent amendments by Administrative Rule and Public Act). Under that Act, the Board hereby adopts the definitions contained therein, "Concealed firearm" means a loaded or unloaded handgun carried on or about a person completely or mostly concealed from view of the public or on or about a person within a vehicle. "Handgun" means any device which is designed to expel a projectile or projectiles by the action of an explosion, expansion of gas, or escape of gas that is designed to be held and fired by the use of a single hand.

**PROHIBITED AREAS**

The Board declares the following as prohibited areas as set forth under Section 65, of the Act. A licensee under this Act shall not knowingly carry a concealed firearm on or into any real property, including parking areas, sidewalks, and common areas under the control of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges.

**FIREARMS AND DISTRICT VEHICLES**

Further, the Board prohibits persons from carrying a firearm within a vehicle owned, leased, or controlled by the district.

**ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING POLICY**

The Board directs the administration to enforce existing regulations, or policies regarding student, employee, or visitor misconduct and to discipline those who violate these regulations and policies, including suspension and expulsion.

**DESIGNATED PARKING LOTS**

The Board directs the Administration to set forth regulations, or policies regarding the storage or maintenance of firearms, which must include designated areas where persons can park vehicles that carry firearms.

**FIREARMS POSSESSION FOR INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSE**

Students are permitted to carry or use of firearms for the limited purpose of instruction and curriculum in officially recognized district approved educational programs, including but not limited to gunsmithing. Further, students may carry and use firearms in approved courses and at approved sites for purposes of instruction and attainment of concealed carry permits.

**FIREARMS IN "CASE" AND PARKING AT PROHIBITED PARKING LOTS**

Notwithstanding the prohibition against firearms in parking lots owned and operated by the District, Board recognizes that under the Concealed Carry Act, any licensee, prohibited from carrying a concealed firearm into a District parking area as specified in the Act and Board policy, shall be permitted to carry a concealed firearm on or about his or her person within a vehicle into the parking area and may store a firearm or ammunition concealed in a case within a locked vehicle or locked container out of plain view within the vehicle in the parking area. For purposes of this exception, "case" includes a glove

compartment or console that completely encloses the concealed firearm or ammunition, the trunk of the vehicle, or a firearm carrying box, shipping box, or other container.

#### CONCEALED CARRY IN A PROHIBITED PARKING LOT

A licensee may carry a concealed firearm in the immediate area surrounding his or her vehicle within a prohibited parking lot area only for the limited purpose of storing or retrieving a firearm within the vehicle's trunk.

#### POSTING OF SIGNS

The District shall post signs stating that the carrying of firearms is prohibited and these signs shall be clearly and conspicuously posted at the entrance to District buildings, premises, or real property specified as a prohibited areas. Signs shall be of a uniform design and shall comply with established state regulations as to size and content.

#### SUSPENSION OF CONCEALED CARRY LICENSE

Student and licensees are hereby notified that a concealed carry license shall be suspended by the appropriate authorities if an order of protection, including an emergency order of protection, plenary order of protection, or interim order of protection under Article 112A of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 or under the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986, is issued against a licensee.

Students and licensees shall not carry a concealed firearm while under the influence of alcohol, other drug or drugs, intoxicating compound or combination of compounds, or any combination thereof, under the standards set forth in subsection (a) of Section 11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.