

CARRYING CONCEALED HANDGUNS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

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**PURPOSE** The purpose of this policy is to implement Texas Government Code, Section 411.2031, CARRYING OF HANDGUNS BY LICENSE HOLDERS ON CERTAIN CAMPUSES, at Collin College effective August 1, 2017.

**PROCEDURE** After consulting with students, staff, and faculty of Collin College regarding the nature of the student population, specific safety considerations, and the uniqueness of Collin College, the President has established the following rules regarding the carrying of concealed handguns by license holders on the campuses of Collin College:

1. Only individuals with a valid License to Carry a Handgun (LTC) issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS), under Texas Government Code Chapter 411, Subchapter H, as well as licenses from other states, the validity of which is recognized by the State of Texas, may carry a concealed handgun on the property of Collin College.
2. While on Collin College campuses, it is the responsibility of the holder of the LTC to conceal the handgun so that it is not partially or wholly visible to another person.
3. While on a Collin College campus, a LTC holder who is in possession of a handgun must keep that handgun on or about his/her person or in a locked vehicle.
4. Handguns may not be stored overnight on Collin College campuses.
5. Possession of a handgun on College property while intoxicated is prohibited.
6. This policy applies to persons traveling in College-owned vehicles. However, the policies of the owner of the vehicle apply when private or commercial transportation is used for Collin College travel.

7. Individuals who do not possess a valid LTC are prohibited from possessing a handgun on Collin College campuses.
8. This policy applies to all students, staff, faculty and visitors of Collin College, except for law enforcement officers licensed by a state of the United States or a federal agency.
9. Open carry of a handgun on a campus of Collin College is restricted to law enforcement officers licensed by a state of the United States or a federal agency.
10. Students and employees of Collin College, with the exception of police officers employed by the College, shall not inquire as to whether any person is carrying a concealed weapon or possesses an LTC.
11. All other weapons are strictly prohibited for students, staff, faculty and visitors, including but not limited to, long guns, knives with blades longer than five and one-half inches, brass knuckles, clubs, and explosives.
12. Possession of other weapons on Collin College campuses is grounds for immediate disciplinary action and possible prosecution for violations of state law.

## EXCLUSIONS

Possession of a handgun is prohibited on Collin College campuses in the following locations by any person except law enforcement officers licensed by a state of the United States or a federal agency. These locations will be appropriately identified by signage as specified under Section 30.06 of the Texas Penal Code.

1. Child care facilities.
2. Polling locations.
3. Facilities where professional, high school or college sporting events are in progress.
4. In the room or rooms where a meeting of a governmental entity is held, and if the meeting is an open meeting subject to chapter 551, Government Code, and notice as required by that chapter is provided.
5. High hazard laboratories and health science education facilities where the presence of high hazard materials or operations creates

a significant risk of catastrophic harm due to a negligent discharge.

6. Locker rooms where individuals change clothes, including those at athletic facilities and health science education facilities.
7. Any location or facility of Collin College, as directed or approved by the President as necessary for campus safety, where effective notice on a temporary basis pursuant to Section 30.06, Texas Penal Code has been given by the required signage.

A violation of these specific prohibitions is considered an offense under section 46.035(a-3), Texas Penal Code.

## VIOLATIONS

Violations of this policy should be reported immediately to the Collin College Police Department at 972-578-5555. Such violations may result in disciplinary action by Collin College up to and including criminal prosecution for violation of the Texas Penal Code.

## REPORTING

Not later than September 1<sup>st</sup> of even-numbered years, Collin College shall submit a report to the Texas State legislature and to the standing committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over the implementation and continuation of Section 411.2031, Texas Government Code that:

1. describes the Collin College rules, regulations, or other provisions regarding the carrying of concealed handguns on the campuses of Collin College and
2. explains the reasons the institution has established these provisions.