



Administrative Policy

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**Policy Summary:**

This policy statement presents Jackson College’s (JC’s) official institutional approach regarding weapons on campus. No employee, student or guest shall be allowed to bring a weapon (or any replica thereof) on campus, with the exception of approved, trained and designated Campus Security employees. Possession of any firearm or weapon (operable or inoperable), or any other potentially lethal items on campus or JC property is prohibited; except where permitted by law. Violation of this policy by a student or employee may result in disciplinary action and/or referral to law enforcement authorities for prosecution. Other persons violating this policy may be removed from campus, prohibited from returning and/or referred to law enforcement agencies for prosecution.

Based on a Michigan Supreme Court Decision on July 27, 2018, the Court concluded that Michigan law does not preempt school districts (or community college districts) from adopting policies regulating firearm possession on school property. Jackson College can legally ban guns on its property. The Court held that local units of government are prohibited from regulating the possession of firearms. The Court further held that the law defines a “local unit of government” to mean a city, village, township or county and a community college district is not a local unit of government as defined by the Supreme Court’s opinion.

**Definitions:**

Weapon: A weapon is defined as, but not limited to: an instrument of offensive or defensive combat or something with which to fight, and generally includes any device capable of projecting a ball, pellet, arrow, bullet, missile, shell or other material. This definition also includes but is not limited to firearms, bows, arrows, swords, rockets, slingshots, electroshock devices, air guns, martial arts devices, knives with blades longer than 2 ¾ inches and other sharp instruments and any striking instruments. It also includes tasers, explosives, incendiaries and accelerants, and biological and bacteriological materials used for the purpose of inflicting harm or damage. It may also include ordinary devices (i.e. keys, pens, pens or other items that are used to cause harm.

**Policy Statement:**

Weapons (as defined above, but also including by way of example and not limitation, firearms, pistols, knives and other sharp instruments having a blade in excess of two inches, bludgeons, blackjacks, explosives, accelerants, incendiary materials, bacteriological and biological materials, destructive devices and other items which can be used to injure, maim or kill), ammunition, together with any hoax device or replica of a weapon or explosive device shall not

be carried or possessed on school property as defined above. Any person violating this policy shall be subject to removal from the premises, criminal prosecution and any other appropriate remedy. No employee, student or guest of JC shall possess a weapon for any reason, under any circumstances, except as may be previously authorized in writing signed by the President of JC. JC reserves the right to amend this policy at any time without prior notice.

This policy shall not apply to contracted Campus Security Officers, Police Officers, and other legally established law enforcement officers.

The Safety and Security Manager shall be immediately notified (517)796-8620 of known or suspected incidence of weapons on campus to determine if permitted by law. The Safety and Security Manager shall assess the level of threat/risk and take immediate corrective action, including notification to the Critical Incident Team in accordance with approved policy and procedures.

**Change Log:**

<u>Date Of Change</u>	<u>Description of Change</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>
11/07/2012	Updated	C. Allen
06/03/2013	Legal Review	W. Hendry
11/2015	Updated/Legal Review	C. Allen
06/23/2016	Review	C. Allen
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