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To ensure a safe environment for employees, students, visitors and those conducting business on campus, Kishwaukee College (“College”) is a weapons and firearms free campus. Except as provided for in this Policy, weapons and firearms of any kind are prohibited on College property, with certain exceptions described below, at College-sponsored or College-related-events and in any motor vehicle owned by the College.

“Weapons” includes but is not limited to firearms (including any gun, rifle, shotgun, pistol, BB or pellet gun, any firearm or device operated by gas or compressed air), knives (3” in length or longer including any bowie knife, spring blade knife, dagger, switchblade knife), explosives, chemical or biological weapons, slingshot, metal knuckles, blackjack and objects which by use, design or definition may be used to inflict injury upon a person and any object if used, attempted to be used or threatened to be used to cause bodily harm. “Weapons” does not include mace or pepper spray type products designed and carried solely for the purpose of self-protection.

The term “firearm” is defined as a loaded or unloaded handgun. The term “handgun” has the same definition as in Section 5 of the Illinois Firearm Concealed Carry Act, 430 ILCS 66/5.

As authorized by Section 65 (a)(15) of the Illinois Firearm Concealed Carry Act, 430 ILCS 66/65 (a)(15), firearms are not allowed on any property owned, leased or controlled by the College. Property owned, leased or controlled by the College includes any vehicle, building, classroom, laboratory, medical clinic, hospital, artistic venue or entertainment venue whether owned, leased or operated by the College and includes all satellite campuses of the College. This Policy also applies to all College-related organization property whether leased or owned by the College and all College officially recognized organization property whether leased or owned by the College.

The possession of a valid firearms permit or concealed carry permit does not exempt students, employees, visitors or those conducting business on campus from the provisions of this policy.

Certain College parking areas may be designated as restricted areas where weapons and firearms are not permitted. A weapon or firearm may be transported within a vehicle into an unrestricted parking area if the weapon or firearm and its ammunition remain locked in a case and out of plain view within the parked vehicle.



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“Case” is defined as a glove compartment or console that completely encases the weapon or firearm and its ammunition, the trunk of the vehicle or a weapon or firearm carrying box. The weapon or firearm may only be removed for the limited purpose of storage or retrieval from within the trunk of the vehicle. A weapon or firearm must first be unloaded before removal from the vehicle.

Exceptions:

The provisions of this Policy do not apply to the possessions of firearms in College vehicles, College buildings, on College grounds or at College-sponsored activities if the possession of weapons or firearms is related to one of the following exceptions:

1. The weapon or firearm is carried by an on-duty law enforcement officer required to carry a weapon or firearm as a condition of his or her employment; the weapon or firearm is carried by an enforcement officer from an external agency conducting official business at the College; or any other exception deemed necessary as determined by the DeKalb County Sheriff's office located on the College campus.
2. The weapon or firearm is used in connection with a weapons safety course or weapons education course offered in the regular course of business or approved and authorized by the College.
3. The weapon or firearm is used in connection with sanctioned classes (e.g., criminal justice), athletics or recreational sports practices, games, matches, tournaments or events on campus when the activity requires the use of such weapons or firearms (e.g., starter pistols and archery).
4. The use of simulated weapons or firearms in connection with College related theatrical productions.

The exceptions to the prohibitions of concealed carry do not apply to off-duty law enforcement officers on Campus, including off-duty law enforcement officers attending classes as students.

Any individual visiting or conducting business on the property of the College found to be carrying or have carried a weapon or firearm onto the property of the College knowingly or under circumstances in which the person should have known that he or she was in possession of a weapon or firearm, may be banned from the College campus.

Any student found to be carrying or have carried a weapon or firearm onto the property of the College knowingly or found to be carrying or have carried a weapon under circumstances in which the student should have known that he or she was in possession of a weapon or firearm, may be subject to discipline up to and including, but not limited to, expulsion from the College.

Any employee found to be carrying or have carried a weapon or firearm onto the property of the College knowingly or be carrying or have carried a weapon or firearm under circumstances in which the employee should have known that he or she was in possession of a weapon or firearm, may be subject to discipline up to and including, but not limited to, immediate termination of employment, subject to such other employment rules or regulations in place.



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Any individual found to be carrying or have carried a weapon or firearm onto the property of the College knowingly or found to be carrying or have carried a weapon or firearm under circumstances in which the individual should have known that he or she was in possession of a weapon or firearm, may be subject to administrative action by the College and possible arrest and prosecution. Violations of this policy may result in referrals to external law enforcement agencies.

The College's Campus Security Office, in consultation with the President's Office, shall determine placement of clearly and conspicuously posted signs at all building and restricted parking area entrances stating that concealed firearms are prohibited. Signs shall be in accordance with the design approved by the Illinois Department of State Police and shall be posted in accordance with any other signage regulations as may be promulgated from time to time by the Illinois Department of State Police.

Pursuant to the Firearm Concealed Carry Act, the College President or designee is required to report to the Illinois Department of State Police when a student is determined to pose a clear and present danger to himself, herself or to others, within 24 hours of the determination and in accordance with Section 6-103.3 of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code, 405 ILCS 5/6-103.3. "Clear and present danger" has the same definition as in Section 105 of the Firearm Concealed Carry Act, 430 ILCS 66/105.

This policy is not intended to eradicate or abridge the effect of other existing policies regarding incidents of violence or weapons possession on College premises, at College-sponsored or College-related functions or events or during times when an individual is acting as a representative of the College.