



Policy: NPRC-3236: Firearms and Offensive Weapons for Students
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1. PURPOSE

This policy statement provides guidelines for students in relation to the possession and use of firearms and offensive weapons while engaged in any NPRC activity including, but not limited to, class attendance.

2. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

This policy is applicable to all students and outlines faculty, staff, and administrator responsibilities regarding its application. Policy guidelines apply to any activity at NPRC Administrative Center(s), NPRC Education and Training Center(s), Instructional Locations, and Instructional Sites. The scope includes, but is not limited to, activities supported or sanctioned by the College at facilities and properties utilized by NPRC which may not be directly owned or controlled by the College.

3. REFERENCES

- 3.1 Title 18 Crimes and Offenses, Chapter 9: Inchoate Crimes, PA Code §912 – Possession of a weapon on school property,
<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LI/consCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&ttl=18&div=0&chpt=9&sctn=12&subsctn=0>
- 3.2 Title 18 Crimes and Offenses, Chapter 61: Firearms and Other Dangerous Articles, PA Code §6106 – Firearms not to be carried without a license,
<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LI/consCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&ttl=18&div=0&chpt=61&sctn=6&subsctn=0>
- 3.3 NPRC-3235: Behavioral Code of Conduct for Students

4. DEFINITIONS

- 4.1 Firearms and offensive weapons are defined as any tool, instrument, material, or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury, which include but are not limited to knives, cutting instruments, cutting tools, nun-chuck sticks, handguns, shotguns,

rifles, explosive devices, or crossbows/bow and arrows.

- 4.2 Safety-intensive educational devices and materials are defined as any tools, instruments, or materials provided by the College to students enrolled in classes with specific hands-on experiences (laboratory or industrial workshop classes) which could, if used in an unintended fashion with disregard for safety protocols dictated by instructors, pose a risk of inflicting serious bodily injury.
- 4.3 Facility/ies and facility property/ies refer to any NPRC Administrative Center(s), NPRC Education and Training Center(s), Instructional Locations, Instructional Sites, or other physical space utilized by NPRC which may not be directly owned or controlled by the College at which any College activity, educational or otherwise occurs.
- 4.4 Educational activities are College-sanctioned or College-associated events, meetings, or gatherings of students which include, but are not limited to, class meetings; field experiences; trainings; club or committee meetings; entertainment, sporting, or other recreational events; seminars; presentations; or other educational events, whether scheduled or impromptu.

5. POLICY

- 5.1 Students are required to comply with all state and federal laws related to possession of firearms and offensive weapons.
- 5.2 Any violation of state or federal laws is also a direct violation of NPRC-3235: Behavioral Code of Conduct for Students.
- 5.3 Students are prohibited from possessing a firearm or offensive weapon on their person or in their belongings while present at a facility or property, whether visible or not. This pertains to all students whether possessing a license to carry or not.
- 5.4 Students are prohibited from possessing a firearm or offensive weapon in their vehicle if parked on facility property, whether visible or not. This pertains to all students whether possessing a license to carry or not.
- 5.5 Students are prohibited from possessing a firearm or offensive weapon on their person or in their belongings, whether visible or not, while participating in or attending educational activities. This pertains to all students whether possessing a license to carry or not.
- 5.6 Entry upon facilities or properties utilized by the College for any activity sanctioned or associated with the College, whether educational or otherwise, that violates this policy is expressly forbidden and will result in the individual being directed to remove the firearm

or offensive weapon immediately. Failure to comply with such directive may result in further disciplinary action.

5.7 Safety measures provided by instructors must be strictly and vigilantly followed by students while in the presence of safety-intensive educational devices and materials, and such materials must never be removed by students from their area of intended use without express permission of and oversight by instructors. Intentional misuse or negligence of safety procedures in the use of safety-intensive educational devices and materials may also be considered a violation of state and federal law, this policy, and of NPRC-3235: Behavioral Code of Conduct for Students.

5.8 When permissible by state laws, federal laws, and any additional rules, policies, or guidelines of the facility or property at which any educational activity occurs, a student may be granted an exception to the requirements and prohibitions provided by this policy by the College's designated Safety Officer in the following circumstances:

5.8.1 The student is a sworn municipal, county, state, or federal law enforcement officer who carries proper identification

5.8.2 The student is actively participating in an enrolled course, training, or other approved educational activity in the College's curriculum which requires access to a firearm or offensive weapon as an integral part of instruction,

5.8.3 Students are responsible for strictly adhering to the requirements provided by this policy.

5.9 In addition to complying with requirements and guidelines established by this policy, students are required to comply with all policies and procedures regarding firearms established by an individual instructional location when on its premises. Students are subject to all penalties or consequences resulting from violation(s) of an instructional location's policies and procedures.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES AND TIMELINES

6.1 Faculty, staff, and administrators are responsible for enforcing policy requirements. Enforcement includes the following:

6.1.1 Directing any student in possession of a firearm or offensive weapon, whether visible or not, to immediately remove the firearm or offensive weapon from the facility or property;

6.1.2 Directing any student in possession of a firearm or offensive weapon in

their vehicle if parked on facility property, whether visible or not, to remove the vehicle from the facility property or remove the firearm or offensive weapon from the vehicle;

6.1.3 Directing that any student misusing safety-intensive educational devices or materials cease their behavior immediately; and

6.1.4 Reporting all policy violations, including those in which a student complies with any request associated with 6.2.1-6.2.3, to the Safety Officer and the Director of Enrollment and Student Success.

6.2 Policy violation(s) may be reported by any individual through submission of FORM-3236: Firearms and Offensive Weapons available to students, staff, faculty, and administrators through NPRC’s learning management system and intranet and available to the public upon email request submitted to **helpdesk@rrcnpa.org**.

6.3 The Director of Enrollment and Student Success is responsible for additional actions associated with the application of NPRC NPRC-3235: Behavioral Code of Conduct for Students resulting from any violation of this policy.

6.4 In any instance where an individual or individuals are using a firearm, offensive weapon, or safety-intensive educational device or material in a threatening manner, faculty, staff, students, and administrators are responsible for calling 911 emergency services to maintain the safety of one another and the community.

7. SIGNATURES

Signature on file

Chair, Board of Trustees

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