

I. Introduction and Statement of Purpose

Southeastern Illinois College (“College”) established this Concealed Carry Policy (“Policy”) pursuant to the 2013 Firearm Concealed Carry Act 430 ILCS 66/5 et seq. (“Act”). The College is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for the College community and its guests. In support of this commitment, the College established restrictions on the ability to carry concealed firearms on the College campus in accordance with the College’s authority under the Act to promulgate rules and regulations.

This Policy as the following purposes:

- A. To reaffirm the Board of Trustees’ position that the presence of firearms on campus, in any of the College buildings, or in any of the College’s facilities is dangerous and contrary to the mission of the College.
- B. To recognize that the Act affords certain limited right to individuals possessing a valid license to carry a concealed firearm.
- C. To establish consequences and penalties for a violation of this Policy.

II. Definitions

- A. The term “firearm” is defined as a loaded or unloaded handgun.
- B. The term “concealed firearm” means a loaded or unloaded handgun carried on or about a person completely or mostly concealed from view of the public or onto or about a person within a vehicle.
- C. The term “handgun” is defined as 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. “Handgun” does not include:
 - 1. A stun gun or Taser;
 - 2. A machine gun as defined in item (i) of paragraph (7) of subsection (a) of Section 24-1 of the Criminal Code;
 - 3. A short-barreled rifle or shotgun as defined in item (ii) of paragraph (7) of subsection (a) of Section 24-1 of the Criminal Code; or
 - 4. Any pneumatic gun, spring gun, paint ball gun, or B-B gun which expels a single globular projectile not exceeding .18 inch in diameter, or which has a maximum muzzle velocity of less than 700 feet per second, or which expels breakable paint balls containing washable marking colors.

- D. The term “clear and present danger” has the same meaning as in Section 105 of the Firearm Concealed Act, as amended. Accordingly “clear and present danger” means:

A person who demonstrates threatening physical or verbal behavior, such as violent, suicidal, or assaultive threats, actions, or other behavior as determined by a physician, clinical psychologist, qualified examiner, school administrator, or law enforcement official.

III. Persons Covered by this Policy

This Policy applies to all employees, students, and other individuals on College property.

IV. Reaffirmation of Prohibition

Except as provided in this Policy, or in Firearms Policy 6017, no individual shall possess, carry, or have control of a firearm either on his or her person or in his or her vehicle on any property owned or otherwise controlled by the College. This prohibition includes, without limitation, the following areas:

- A. The College’s main campus in Harrisburg.
- B. The David L. Stanley White County Center.
- C. Stanford D. Williams Career and Training Center
- D. Any building owned, leased, or otherwise under the control of the College.
- E. Anywhere on the grounds of the College.
- F. Anywhere on the College’s parking areas, sidewalks, and common areas.
- G. Any vehicle owned, leased, or controlled by the College.

V. Exceptions

The provision of this Policy do not apply to the possession of firearms in College vehicles, College buildings, or on College grounds if the use or possession of the firearm falls within one of the following exceptions:

- A. Subject to Board approval, firearm use or possession may be permitted where such use or possession is part of a College approved course or curriculum. Such use will be restricted to that part of campus designated specifically for the course or program. For College approved courses, students will not be permitted to bring their firearms into the classrooms or College buildings. Students will only bring firearms to the shooting range at specific times designated by the instructor. Firearms must be unloaded when taken to the range and be approved by the instructor. Ammunition should be brought to the range separate from the firearm. No student is ever allowed on the range at any time other than during class time under the supervision of the approved College instructor.
- B. The firearm is carried by a full-time law enforcement officer required to carry a firearm as a condition of his or her employment, or by an enforcement officer from an external

agency conducting official business at the College. This exception does not apply to off-duty law enforcement officers on campus, including off-duty law enforcement officers attending classes as students.

VI. Parking Lot Safe Harbor

A firearm may be transported into a College parking area within a vehicle if the firearm and its ammunition remain locked in a case out of plain view within the parked vehicle. "Case" is defined as a glove compartment or console that completely encases the firearm and its ammunition, the trunk of the vehicle, or a firearm carrying box, shipping box or other container. The firearm may only be removed from a vehicle for the limited purpose of storage or retrieval from within the trunk of the vehicle. A firearm must be unloaded before removal from the vehicle.

VII. Penalties for Violation

- A. Any student who knowingly carries a firearm onto College property, or who carries a firearm onto College property under circumstances in which the student should have known that he or she was in possession of a firearm, shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion from the College.
- B. Any College employee who knowingly carries a firearm onto College property, or who carries a firearm onto College property under circumstances in which the employee should have known that he or she was in possession of a firearm, shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension and termination of employment.
- C. Any individual visiting or conducting business on College property who knowingly carries a firearm onto College property, or who carries a firearm onto College property under circumstances in which the individual should have known that he or she was in possession of a firearm, may be banned from the College for a period of time to be determined by the College's Administration.
- D. In addition to the above sanctions and penalties, any individual who violates this Policy may be subject to arrest and criminal prosecution. Violations of this Policy may result in referrals to external law enforcement agencies.

VIII. Clear and Present Danger Reporting

Pursuant to the 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" is defined in this Policy.

The Executive Dean of Student Services and/or in his/her absence, the Director of Environmental Services, shall be the College President's designee responsible for this reporting requirement.

IX. Signage

The Environmental Services Department shall be responsible for determining the clear and conspicuous posting of at all building entrances. As required by the Act, the signs shall state that concealed firearms are prohibited, and shall be in accordance with the design approved by the Illinois Department of State Police. The signage shall fully comply with any administrative rules or procedures that may be promulgated by the Illinois Department of State Police.

X. Education

The Executive Dean of Student Services shall have the responsibility of educating students and employees about the Act, this Policy, and other relevant College Policies.

XI. Delegation

The College's Board of Trustees delegates to the College President or designee the authority to promulgate additional policies, regulations and procedures related to and consistent with this Policy, the 2013 Firearm Concealed Carry Act and other relevant laws and regulations.

The College President or designee shall from time to time report to the College's Board of Trustees regarding any additional policies, regulations or procedures needed and the status of implementation of this Policy.