



# Policies and Procedures

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## TITLE: WEAPONS

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### I. Purpose:

To promote a safe learning environment for each of the college's campuses by minimizing the risk of potential for violence by use of a weapon.

### II. Definitions:

Firearms: Defined as any weapon that fires projectiles or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel projectiles by the action of an explosion of a combustible material; or the frame or receiver of any such weapon. See [Section 18.2-433.1](#) of the *Code of Virginia*.

Weapons: Include any object, instrument, or substance designed or used to inflict a wound, cause injury, or incapacitate. This includes any weapon as defined by state statute that can be considered a concealed weapon.

### III. Policy:

- A. The unauthorized use, possession, or storage of firearms, ammunition, weapons, or realistic replicas of weapons on J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College property is prohibited.
- B. Pocket knives considered legal by definition of state statute are exempt from this policy. In addition, students in courses requiring instruments that may be construed as weapons (e.g., knives for culinary arts courses) are also exempt. However, it is the responsibility of the instructor to take great care with informing their students of the proper use and transporting of these instruments.
- C. Any student, faculty, or staff member in violation of this policy shall be subject to administrative disciplinary action, as well as face possible criminal charges as defined by the Code of Virginia. In addition, any student violating this policy will be adjudicated on-campus through [JSRCC Policy 1-35](#), Student Conduct; and faculty or staff violating this policy will be addressed through [Policy 1-60](#), Standards of Conduct, of the Department of Human Resource Management.
- D. Law enforcement personnel in uniform or on official law enforcement business are exempt from this policy. This may include faculty, staff, or students at the college.
- E. Law enforcement personnel who are students, faculty or staff that are carrying their weapon concealed are also exempt. However, they must be able to provide sufficient identification.

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F. This policy shall be strictly enforced unless prior authorization is given by the chief of the Department of Police.

IV. Procedures:

A. Any college member observing an individual, other than a Department of Police officer or other law enforcement officer on official business, with a weapon on campus should report it to the Department of Police.

B. Any student, faculty, or staff member in violation of this policy shall be subject to administrative disciplinary action, as well as face possible criminal charges as defined by the *Code of Virginia*. In addition, any student violating this policy will be adjudicated on-campus through [JSRCC Policy 1-35](#), Student Conduct; faculty-ranked employees violating this policy will be managed through [VCCS Policy 3.12](#), Faculty Sanctions; and classified staff violations of this policy will be addressed through [Policy 1-60](#), Standards of Conduct, of the Department of Human Resource Management.

C. The Department of Police will investigate the situation and take appropriate action.

V. Other Information:

[JSRCC Policy 1-35](#), Student Conduct

[Section 18.2-433.1](#) of the *Code of Virginia*

[VCCS Policy 3.12](#), Faculty Sanctions

Standards of Conduct (Department of Human Resource Management): [Policy Number: 1.60 Standards of Conduct](#)