

LAKE-SUMTER STATE COLLEGE

BOARD RULE

TITLE: Regulation of Firearms and Weapons on College Premises;
Search and Seizure **NUMBER:** 2.12

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LAW IMPLEMENTED: 790.115; 790.06

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Purpose:

To prohibit the unauthorized possession of firearms and other weapons by any person on College premises for the safety of the campus community; to provide that all persons report to the proper authorities all sightings of or information about the unlawful possession or exhibition of firearms and weapons on College premises; to ensure a safe educational and work environment for all persons of the College community.

Definitions:

- A. "Person" or "individual," means a student, faculty member, employee, visitor, or guest of the College, and includes an employee or agent of the College's contractors or subcontractors.
- B. The terms "firearm," "destructive device," "electric weapon or device," and "weapon" have the same meaning as contained in Florida Statutes 790.001. Partial definitions follow:

"Firearm" means any weapon (including a starter gun) which will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; any destructive device; or any machine gun.

"Destructive device" means any bomb, grenade, mine, rocket, missile, pipe bomb, or similar device containing an explosive, incendiary, or poison gas and includes any frangible container filled with an explosive, incendiary, explosive gas, or expanding gas, which is designed or so constructed as to explode by such filler and is capable of causing bodily harm or property damage.

"Electric weapon or device" means any device which, through the application or use of electrical current, is designed, redesigned, used, or intended to be used for offensive or defensive purposes, the destruction of life, or the infliction of injury.

"Weapon" means any dirk, knife, metallic knuckles, slingshot, billie, tear gas gun, chemical weapon or device, or other deadly weapon except a firearm or a common pocketknife, plastic knife, or blunt-bladed table knife.

- C. "College premises" includes all land, buildings, facilities, and other property in the possession of or owned, used, or controlled by Lake-Sumter State College and/or the Lake-Sumter State College Foundation, Inc.

Prohibition

No person, other than a law enforcement officer or other person as authorized by Florida law, shall exhibit or possess any firearm, electric weapon or device, destructive device, explosive, dangerous chemical, or other weapon, including a razor blade or box cutter, on College premises. Persons licensed to carry a concealed weapon or firearm ("licensee") are not authorized or permitted to openly carry a handgun or carry a concealed weapon or firearm on College premises, except as otherwise authorized by Florida law. See Procedure **PRO-7-03**.

All persons must report any sightings or information about the unlawful possession of a firearm, electric weapon or device, destructive device, explosive, dangerous chemical, or other weapon on College premises to the appropriate College authorities, including the President, any College security personnel, any Senior Vice President or Facilities Director.

Exceptions

Individuals in such areas as Facilities Services, the book store, building construction, as well as contractors or vendor representatives, may use box cutters as legitimate tools to accomplish their work on College premises.

Search and Seizure

The College, upon reasonable suspicion that any person is committing an illegal act or a violation of College Rules and regulations relating to the health, safety and welfare of persons or property, may search the person or personal property of the person under reasonable suspicion, including the property or facility provided by the College. The College may seize any firearm, destructive device, electric weapon or device, or weapon in possession in violation of this Rule, or other property determined to be injurious or detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of any persons or property. Any search and/or seizure authorized by this Rule may only be conducted by the College President or designee.

Violation and Discipline

Any person who violates this Rule may be immediately removed from College premises, prohibited from returning, and/or referred for prosecution by authorities for any crime under local, state, or federal law. Additionally, violation of the Rule by a student is a violation of the Student Conduct Code, and the student is subject to judicial process and sanctions under the Student Conduct Code as well as any criminal sanctions. Prosecution under the Student Conduct Code does not prohibit the investigation by authorities of a crime under local, state, or federal law. Employees who violate this Rule are subject to all appropriate discipline, which may include suspension, termination, arrest, and/or referral for prosecution.