

**SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS  
COLLEGE**

**DISTRICT 522**

**BOARD POLICY MANUAL**

**POLICY STATEMENT**

**POLICY ISSUE:** Weapons

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Southwestern Illinois College is committed to providing an environment for its faculty, staff, students and visitors that is safe and secure.

Pursuant to Illinois law, Public Act 098-0063—Firearm Concealed Carry Act, firearms of any kind, where carried openly or concealed, shall not be allowed on any Southwestern Illinois College building, classroom, laboratory, medical clinic, hospital, artistic venue, athletic venue, entertainment venue, officially recognized college-related organization property, whether owned or leased, and any real property, including parking areas, sidewalks, and common areas under the control of the public college. All weapons must be properly stored (in a locked container and out of plain view) prior to entering any college facility, vehicle, or event.

Additionally, firearms of any kind, where carried openly or concealed, shall not be allowed in any college-owned, leased or contracted vehicles with the following exceptions listed below.

This policy applies to all Southwestern Illinois College faculty, staff, students, contracted employees, and campus visitors, with the following exceptions:

- A) Law enforcement officers, other government personnel authorized to carry a weapon, Illinois Retired Officer Concealed Carry Program permit holders, and (on-duty) licensed security officers who are authorized to carry a weapon, in accordance with laws of the State of Illinois.
- B) Firearms used for the purpose of instruction and curriculum of officially recognized programs, including but not limited to military science and law enforcement, private security officer training programs or college-approved Concealed Carry training and certification course(s).

Any employee violating this policy will be subject to discipline up to and including termination. Any student violating this policy will be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion. Any visitor violating this policy will be subject to being barred from campus. All may be subject to criminal prosecution.