

## University of Louisiana System

**Title: WEAPONS ON CAMPUS**

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**Cancellation: None**

**Chapter: Students**

### **Policies and Procedures Memorandum**

- I. Definitions pursuant to Louisiana law R.S. 14:95.2 include:
  - A. School means any elementary, secondary, high school, vocational-technical school, college, or university in this state.
  - B. Campus means all facilities and property within the boundary of the school's property.
  - C. Non-student means any person not registered and enrolled in that school or a suspended student who does not have permission to be on the school campus.
  - D. School bus means any motorbus being used to transport children to and from school or in connection with school activities.
  - E. Firearm or dangerous weapon pursuant to R.S. 14.2(2) includes gas, liquid or other substance or instrumentality, which, in the manner used, is calculated or likely to produce death or great bodily harm.
- II. All universities in the System shall be designated "firearm-free zones" pursuant to Louisiana law R.S. 14:96.6.
- III. Pursuant to Louisiana law R.S. 14:95.2(A):
  - A. Carrying a firearm, or dangerous weapon by a student or non-student on school property, at a school sponsored or affiliated function, or in a firearm-free zone is unlawful and shall be defined as possession of any firearm or dangerous weapon, on one's person, at any time while on a

school campus, on school transportation, or at any school sponsored or affiliated function including but not limited to athletic competitions, dances, parties, or any extracurricular activities, or within one thousand feet of any school campus.

- B. Whoever commits the crime of carrying a firearm by a student or non-student on school property or in a firearm-free zone shall be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency for prosecution. School officials must report the detention of a student or seizure of a firearm to a law enforcement agency within seventy-two hours.
  - C. Lack of knowledge that the prohibited act occurred on or within one thousand feet of school property shall not be a defense.
  - D. Provisions of this law do not apply to:
    - 1. A school official or employee acting during the normal course of his employment or a student acting under the direction of such school official or employee.
    - 2. A student enrolled or participating in an activity requiring the use of a firearm including but not limited to any ROTC function under the authorization of a university.
  - E. If a person is arrested for carrying a concealed weapon on campus by a university or college police officer, the weapon shall be given to the sheriff, chief of police, or other officer to whom custody of the arrested person is transferred as provided by R.S. 17:1805(B).
- IV. Pursuant to Louisiana law R.S. 14:95.4:
- A. The local governing authority which has jurisdiction over zoning matters in which each firearm-free zone is located shall publish a map clearly indicating the boundaries of each firearm-free zone.
  - B. The firearm-free zone map shall be made an official public document and placed with the clerk of court for the parish or parishes in which the firearm-free zone is located.
  - C. The commissioner of higher education with the approval of the Board of Regents shall develop a method by which to mark firearm-free zones, including the use of signs or other markings suitable to the situation.
  - D. Signs or other markings shall be located in a visible manner on or near each school and on and in each school bus indicating that such area is a firearm-free zone and that such zone extends to one thousand feet from the boundary of school property.
  - E. It is unlawful for any person to cover, remove, deface, alter, or destroy any sign or other marking identifying a firearm-free zone and whoever violates the provisions shall be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency for prosecution.

- V. Any person who wishes to possess a firearm sanctioned by state law and university policies while on school property, school transportation, or at any school sponsored or affiliated function, must first register such weapon with campus police before bringing the firearm on school property, school transportation, or to any school sponsored or affiliated function.
  
- VI. Possession of a firearm, when in violation of state laws, System policy, or university policy, shall be grounds for dismissal from the university. Such campus disciplinary action must be written and published in the Student Code of Conduct.

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*Policy References:*

Louisiana Revised Statutes

University of Louisiana System's University Catalogs

*Review Process:*

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