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I. GENERAL PROHIBITION

Students, staff, faculty, and visitors are legally prohibited from carrying a weapon onto campus unless a legal exception applies. For purposes of this policy, a "weapon" includes firearms, explosives, BB guns, stun guns, air rifles or pistols, and certain types of knives or other sharp instruments (see N.C.G.S. § 14-269.2).

Firearms (and other weapons prohibited on campus) may not be stored or transported in College-owned or rented vehicles.

II. GENERAL EXCEPTIONS

Central Carolina Community College is classified as an institute of higher education pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 116-143.1 and thus is not within the scope of the exception provided by N.C.G.S. § 14-269.2(k1), which otherwise permits the concealed carrying of a handgun onto educational property when said property is being used for religious worship and other certain circumstances apply. While the College may allow certain buildings or facilities to be utilized as a place for religious worship, the exception provided by N.C.G.S. § 14-269.2(k1) is inapplicable and the carrying of a handgun, concealed or otherwise, onto College property during these services is prohibited.

III. EXCEPTION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. § 14-269.2(K1) INAPPLICABLE

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IV. SPECIFIC EXCEPTION FOR HANDGUNS IN VEHICLES

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 14-269.2(k), it is permissible for an individual who has a concealed handgun permit that is valid under Article 54B of Chapter 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes, or who is exempt from obtaining a permit pursuant to that Article, to have a handgun on campus if any of the following conditions are met:

1. The person has a handgun in a closed compartment or container within the person's locked vehicle or in a locked container securely affixed to the person's vehicle and only unlocks the vehicle to enter or exit the vehicle while the firearm remains in the closed compartment at all times and immediately locks the vehicle following the entrance or exit;

2. The person has a handgun concealed on the person and the person remains in the locked vehicle and only unlocks the vehicle to allow the entrance or exit of another person; or

3. The person is within a locked vehicle and removes the handgun from concealment only for the amount of time reasonably necessary to do either of the following:

    a. Move the handgun from concealment on the person to a closed compartment or container within the vehicle; or
    b. Move the handgun from within a closed compartment or container within the vehicle to concealment on the person.

REFERENCES

Statutory References	N.C.G.S. §§ 14-269, 14-269.2, 116-143.1, Ch. 14 Art. 54B
Regulatory References	None
Relevant Guidance	None
Policy Manual Cross-References	Duplicate: ● Policy 2.1.6 - Weapons on Campus Referenced by: ● Policy 5.3.2 - Student Code of Conduct

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