

OSU INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Weapons, Firearms, Ammunition, Fireworks, Explosives and Dangerous Chemicals	1-017 ADMINISTRATIVE March 2020
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POLICY

- 1.01 The students, faculty and staff of an institution can best learn, work and live in an environment free from the dangers and constraints, both physical and psychological, which can arise from the presence or use of weapons, firearms, ammunition, fireworks, explosives and dangerous chemicals on the campus. Similar items used for decorative purposes when rendered inoperable and safe are not included in this Policy, but are subject to appropriate supervisory regulation. It is the Policy of the Board that each institution under the governance of the Board strictly regulate the possession or use of any of these items on campus, in institutional vehicles or on institution-sponsored trips. To achieve this Policy, each institution is directed to adopt institutional policies in conformity with this Board Policy. Such institutional policies shall particularly identify those areas considered to constitute the campus of the institution and shall identify which institutional officials may act as designees of the President for the purpose of the institutional policy.
- 1.02 Except as expressly provided in this policy, no person is allowed to possess, display or use firearms, weapons, ammunition or fireworks on campus at any time.

DEFINITIONS

- 2.01 Campus shall include such real property, buildings or other structures or improvements owned or controlled by an institution and identified by the institution as being regulated under the institution's weapons policy. For purposes of this Policy, an institution may define which portions of real property, buildings, other structures or improvements owned or controlled by institutions will constitute its Campus. Such a definition shall have no bearing or effect on any other Board or institutional policy.
- 2.02 Firearm shall mean any device capable of discharging a projectile by gunpowder, gas or other means of propulsion. By way of example and without limitation, firearms shall include shotguns, rifles, handguns, or any gun which is capable of discharging a projectile composed of any material which may reasonably be expected to be able to cause serious injury or death and other similar devices.
- 2.03 Weapon shall mean any object designed to inflict injury or harm if used in a threatening, aggressive or careless manner. By way of example and without limitation, weapons shall

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include pellet guns, BB guns, flare guns, airsoft-type guns, archery equipment, slingshots, martial arts devices, swords, bayonets, daggers, bowie knives, switchblade knives, spring-type knives and knives having a blade which opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a spring, button or other device in the handle of the knife. Weapons do not include devices used solely for defensive purposes, such as tasers, pepper spray, mace and electronic control devices, and do not include common pocket or kitchen knives and other similar devices.

- 2.04 Fireworks shall mean any combustible or explosive composition, or any substance or combination of substances, or article, prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, explosion or detonation. By way of example and without limitation, fireworks shall include firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles and other similar devices whether commercially produced or homemade.
- 2.05 Ammunition shall mean any device that contains gunpowder and/or any other substance designed to propel a projectile and intended for use in a firearm.
- 2.06 Explosives and dangerous chemicals shall mean any substance whose chemical properties make them inherently dangerous. By way of example and without limitation, explosives and dangerous chemicals shall include dynamite blasting caps, plastic explosives, detonating cords, flammable liquids and solvents such as gasoline, kerosene and propane, and any other combination of compounds/chemicals when packaged or kept in a manner designed to or likely to produce an explosive or flammable effect. Nothing contained in this policy shall be deemed to prohibit the use of chemicals in the normal conduct of classes or facilities maintenance functions or in the operation of equipment or motor vehicles.
- 2.07 Certified police or peace officer shall include those persons employed by municipal, county, state or national or state authorized agencies who comply with the statutory requirements for certification as a police or peace officer.

PROCEDURES AND EXCEPTIONS

- 3.01 Police and peace officers employed by OSUIT and those who have been called to assist or to perform law enforcement duties on campus may possess or use firearms, ammunition or weapons in a manner consistent with professional standards which prevail in the State of Oklahoma.
- 3.02 Police and peace officers, who in their official on-duty capacities and in the performance of their duties (including training) find it necessary to come onto campus, may possess firearms. In all such instances, the officers must coordinate their efforts with the OSUIT Department of Public Safety.
- 3.03 Police and peace officers who have been invited to demonstrate or lecture to a class may carry a firearm, ammunition or weapon on campus. OSUIT employees responsible for

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extending these invitations should advise the OSUIT Department of Public Safety concerning these visits.

- 3.04 Police and peace officers who also are students shall not be permitted to possess or display firearms, ammunition or weapons in class, but may store these items at the OSUIT Department of Public Safety designated area or in other appropriate places approved by the President.
- 3.05 Certain classes and activities, both on campus and off, involve the use of firearms, weapons, ammunition, dangerous chemicals or fireworks. Authorization and conditions for these classes and activities and other appropriate exceptions will be given by the President.
- 3.06 Employees and students may bring a firearm onto the OSUIT campus but must leave the firearm in their vehicle at all times and the firearm must **NEVER** leave the vehicle for any reason while it is on campus. If OSUIT employees or students have a firearm in their vehicle on campus, the firearm must be secured in a locked vehicle at all times when the vehicle is unattended.

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