



## **OTERO COLLEGE PROCEDURE**

### **OCP 19-10a: Weapons on Campus**

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**REFERENCE(S):**

Governor's Executive Order D0010-96, BP 19-10, SP 19-10a

**APPLICATION:**

This Policy applies to all individuals on System or Otero College owned or leased properties, even though such persons are not directly affiliated with CCCS. CCCS shall have jurisdiction to address bullying or violent behavior that takes place on campus, at the System office, or at System or College sponsored events. CCCS may also have jurisdiction regarding reports of bullying or violent behavior occurring off-campus or online if the Chief Student Services Officer (CSSO)/designee or Director of Human Resources/designee determine that the behavior affects a substantial System or College interest.

**BASIS:**

The Colorado Community College System (CCCS or System) is committed to maintaining a safe environment for all employees, students, and guests while on System or College owned or leased properties. Any individual engaging in violent behavior, threatening violent behavior, or bullying employees, students, or guests will not be tolerated. It is the policy of CCCS to prohibit such behavior and to appropriately investigate all reported incidents. No individual may have on their person any unauthorized firearm, ammunition, explosive device, or illegal weapon, as defined in Colorado statute, on any System or College owned or leased properties.

**PROCEDURE:**

Except as expressly provided below, the possession of firearms, explosive or incendiary devices, or other weapons on the Otero campus is prohibited. This prohibition shall extend to all grounds and buildings on the Otero campus, and any grounds or buildings managed and operated by Otero. This policy shall apply to all employees and invitees of the Otero,



all students, employees, and all other visitors to the Otero campus. “Weapons” include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Firearms of any size or type of construction and ammunition
2. Gas or air guns, including BB, pellet, and paint ball guns
3. Bows and arrows, and crossbows
4. Blackjacks, bludgeons, batons, nunchaku, throwing stars, and metallic knuckles
5. Swords, pikes, lances, and spears
6. Any knife with a blade over 3.5 inches in length, including hunting and fishing knives
7. Ballistic, gravity and switchblade knives, regardless of the length of the blade
8. Fireworks
9. Any harmless object designed to look convincingly like a firearm, explosive or incendiary device, or other weapon.

### **Authorized Weapons**

The only individuals that are authorized to carry weapons or firearms are:

- Persons presenting an authorized public demonstration or exhibition pursuant to instruction in connection with an organized program or course of instruction.
- Persons using a weapon or firearm in an approved educational program, such as a course designed for the repair or maintenance of weapons.
- Persons participating in an authorized extracurricular activity or on an athletic team which requires use of a weapon or firearm.
- Persons carrying a firearm in a parking area only, with a valid concealed carry permit. (Note: All storage of firearms in vehicles must comply with applicable laws.)
- Persons retained by CCCS as security personnel if the weapon or firearm is being carried while engaged in their official duties as security personnel.
- Certified Peace Officers.
- Persons granted permission at the discretion of the Chancellor or College President for specific purposes.
- Persons carrying a weapon or firearm as otherwise authorized by law.

Any concerns about possession of an unauthorized weapon or firearm should be reported immediately to College or System security/police, the College designee, or local police.

### **REVISING THIS PROCEDURE:**

Otero College reserves the right to change any provision or requirement of this procedure at any time and the change shall become effective immediately.