G.1.4 (Policy) Use of and Access to College District Facilities
Responsible Department: Alamo Colleges Police Department
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The grounds and facilities of the College District shall be used for the educational goals and purposes of the College District as set forth by the Board. Such uses, as determined by the Board, the Chancellor, and the college Presidents, have priority over any other use of College District facilities.

The College District prohibits the use, possession, or display of any prohibited firearm, illegal knife, club, or other prohibited weapon as defined under Texas Penal Code, on all property owned or controlled by the College District at all times, except under the following conditions:

- A person who holds a license to carry a firearm under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Texas Government Code, may carry a concealed handgun anywhere on College District property EXCEPT:
    - As prohibited by law;
    - As prohibited by duly adopted rule reflected in a procedure adopted pursuant to this policy, to the extent duly marked by legally effective signage;
    - on any premises (defined as a building or portion of a building) where a high school, collegiate, or professional sporting event or interscholastic event is taking place and the license holder is not a participant in the event or a handgun is not used in the event; or
    - in a vehicle owned or leased by Alamo Colleges and used by an employee in the course and scope of the employee's employment, unless the employee is required to transport or store a firearm in the official discharge of the employee's duties.

- A person who holds a license to carry a firearm under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Texas Government Code, or a person who otherwise lawfully possesses a firearm and ammunition may transport or store the handgun or firearm or ammunition in a **locked, privately owned** motor vehicle in a College District parking lot, parking garage or other parking area provided by the College District.

Nothing in this Policy shall prohibit peace officers or special investigators under Article 2.122, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, from carrying a weapon on all property owned or controlled by the College District, regardless of whether the peace officer or special investigator is engaged in the actual discharge of the officer's or investigator's duties while carrying the weapon.

All persons who are licensed to carry a firearm under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Texas Government Code or who otherwise lawfully possess a firearm must abide by all applicable federal and state laws relating to their firearm and ammunition and relating to safely transporting and storing their firearm and/or ammunition. The owner of the firearm, ammunition and/or motor vehicle may be personally liable for harm, injury or damages caused by using the handgun, firearm or ammunition.

No violation of this policy occurs when the use, possession, or display of an otherwise prohibited weapon takes place as part of a College District-approved activity supervised by proper authorities or as otherwise authorized by law.

Each college shall develop procedures for maintaining order on College District premises during periods of disruption. Such procedures shall be readily available in the respective college President's office and shall comply with legal requirements noted in Subchapter E-1, Chapter 51 of the Texas Education Code.

Procedure G.1.4.1	Use of and Access to College District Facilities
Procedure G.1.4.2	Conduct on College District Property
Procedure G.1.4.3	Ejection and Exclusion of Persons (other than students and employees) from Campus
Procedure G.1.4.4	Use of Alcohol at District Facilities
Procedure G.1.4.5	Rules Limiting Licensed Concealed Carry of Handguns

Legal Reference - TACC Policy Reference Manual
GF(LEGAL) - Community Use of College District Facilities
GFA(LEGAL) - Community Use of College District Facilities: Conduct on College District Premises
Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Texas Government Code
Subchapter G, Chapter 52, Texas Labor Code
Chapter 46, Texas Penal Code