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## 7.3.19 GT Weapons Procedure

During the employee orientation process and the student admission process, employees and students shall be informed that bringing, possession, or having under their control any firearm, explosive material, or other dangerous weapon on school premises is prohibited. Frequent reminders during faculty or student meetings, notices in student and employee handbooks, notices in hallways, posters, etc., shall be used to remind students and employees of the prohibition of dangerous weapons on school property.

Gwinnett Technical College adopts, supports and adheres to State Law pertaining weapons. The following code section from the Official Code of Law from the State of Georgia is hereby policy and procedure for Gwinnett Technical College.

#### 1. Intent

It is the intent of this policy: (a) to create a safe educational environment; (b) to prohibit the carrying of weapons within school safety zones as prohibited by law; (c) to create an awareness of this policy and related penalties; (d) to establish definitions; and (e) to establish procedures for dispositions of violations.

#### **Definitions**

- a. "School safety zone" means in, on, or within 1000 feet of any public technical institute.
- b. "Weapon" means and includes any pistol, revolver, or any weapon designed or intended to propel a missile of any kind, or any dirk, bowie knife, switchblade knife, ballistic knife, and other knife having a blade of three or more inches, straight-edge razor, spring stick, metal knucks, blackjack, any bat, club, or other bludgeon-type weapon, or any flailing instrument consisting of two or more rigid parts connected in such a manner as to allow them to swing freely, which may be known as a nun chahka, nunchaku, shuriken, or fighting chain, or any disc, or whatever configuration, having at least two points or pointed blades which is designed to be thrown or propelled and which may be known as a throwing star, oriental dart, or any weapon of like kind, any stun gun or laser. "Weapon" does not include any fireworks the possession of which is regulated by Chapter 10 of Title 25 of Georgia Law.

c. "Public gathering" means and includes, but is not limited to, any function or event of or at any technical institute, its campus, satellites, buildings, vehicles or involving its employees or students. Such buildings include any public-owned, -leased, or – operated building which houses any governmental or educational function on or off campus.

# 2. Policy

3. SEE GTC Campus Carry Section 7.3.20GT

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### References

<u>Procedure: Weapons Procedure</u>
II. C. 10. Weapons