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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 the possession, control, or use of dangerous weapons on school premises is generally prohibited, except as permitted under Georgia law and Gwinnett Technical College Policy 7.3.20 (Campus Carry Law).

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, and of the limited lawful exceptions provided under state law.

Gwinnett Technical College adopts, supports, and adheres to State Law pertaining to weapons, including the Georgia Campus Carry legislation. The following code section from the Official Code of Georgia Annotated is hereby adopted as 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 except as authorized 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 knuckles, 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 a concealed handgun lawfully carried in accordance with Georgia law and Gwinnett Technical College Policy 7.3.20, except in restricted areas where carry is prohibited. 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.

## 2. Policy

Gwinnett Technical College prohibits the possession or use of weapons on campus and within school safety zones, except as permitted under Georgia Campus Carry law (OCGA 16-11-127.1) and Policy 7.3.20.

Weapons remain strictly prohibited in all restricted locations identified under Policy 7.3.20. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action and criminal penalties as provided by law.

3. See Also GTC Campus Carry Section 7.3.20 GT

## References

[Procedure: Weapons Procedure](#)

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