

Policy: 4.10

Prohibited Weapons

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) below, it is the policy of Kansas City Kansas Community College ("KCKCC") to prohibit the possession or use of firearms, explosives, or other weapons on any Kansas City Kansas Community College campus. This prohibition extends to all off-campus KCKCC sponsored or supervised activities. Persons with knowledge or information of conduct which may constitute a violation of this policy are urged to contact the KCKCC Campus Police.

(b) **Exception:** Nothing in this section shall be read to prohibit possession of weapons on campus: (1) by Kansas City Kansas Community College Campus Officers while acting within the scope of their employment or (2) as necessary for the conduct of KCKCC approved academic programs or approved activities or practices, or (2) by Kansas City Kansas Community College Campus Officers while acting within the scope of their employment.

(c) For the purpose of this policy, "weapons" means:

1. Any object or device which will, is designed to, or may be readily converted to expel bullet, shot or shell by the action of an explosive or other propellant;
2. any handgun, pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun or other firearm of any nature, including concealed weapons licensed pursuant to the Personal and Family Protection Act, and amendments thereto;
3. any BB gun, pellet gun, air/C'O2 gun, stun gun or blow gun;
4. any explosive, incendiary or poison gas (A) bomb, (B) mine, (C) grenade, (D) rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces, or (E) missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than ¼ ounce;
5. any incendiary or explosive material, liquid, solid or mixture equipped with a fuse, wick or other detonating device;
6. any tear gas bomb or smoke bomb; however, personal self-defense items containing mace or pepper spray shall not be deemed to be a weapon for the purposes of this policy;
7. any knife, commonly referred to as a switch-blade, which has a blade that opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in the handle of the knife, or any knife having a blade that opens or falls or is ejected into position by the force of gravity or by an outward, downward or centrifugal thrust or movement;
8. any straight-blade knife of three inches or more such as a dagger, dirk, dangerous knife or stiletto; except that an ordinary pocket knife or culinary knife designed for and used solely in the preparation or service of food shall not be construed to be a weapon for the purposes of this policy;
9. any martial arts weapon such as nunchucks or throwing stars; or
10. any longbow, crossbow and arrows or other projectile that could cause serious harm to any person.

Policy rationale and interpretive note: *In 2008, the Kansas Board of Regents issued the following policy statement: "To the extent allowed by law, the campus of each State university shall be weapons-free." In furtherance of this action, the entrance to each KBOR building and facility contains the notice required under Kansas law advising visitors that firearms are prohibited in and around the campuses of Kansas Postsecondary Institutions. Notice of the firearms prohibition is also communicated in each university's student code of conduct, housing contracts and employee policies.*

Out of an abundance of caution, KCKCC joins in the action taken by the KBOR. Therefore, except in limited circumstances, it is the policy of Kansas City Kansas Community College ("KCKCC") to prohibit the possession or use of firearms, explosives, or other weapons on any Kansas City Kansas Community College.