



## EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROCEDURE

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Effectiveness: (915) 831-6740

### **CHF-1      Concealed Handguns/ Illegal Weapons on Campus**

**APPROVED:** January 26, 1996    **REVISED:** August 31, 2018  
**Year of last review:** 2021  
**AUTHORIZING BOARD POLICY:** CHF

Classification: Institutional

Vice President or Associate Vice President: Vice President of Student and Enrollment Services

Designated contact: El Paso Community College (EPCC) Police

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**OBJECTIVE:** To establish guidelines for concealed handguns on District premises and weapons violations.

**DEFINITION:** Weapons are defined according to the current Texas Penal Code Title 10 Section 46.01.

**PROCEDURE:**

- I. Effective August 1, 2017, any person who possesses a License to Carry (LTC) is allowed to carry his or her "CONCEALED" handgun in any area of the EPCC District premises not designated as a Gun Free Zone (excluding licensed peace officers and certain retired peace officers as defined by Federal and State Law).
- II. Exceptions to this procedure can only be approved by the President or his/her designee.
- III. Criminal Violations - The following violations are not all-inclusive. A person may be criminally responsible for other weapons violations as per Texas Penal Code, Sec 46.
  - A. It is a violation of the law that a person possesses a handgun on the premises of the EPCC District, as per Texas Penal Code: Places Weapons Prohibited, P.C. 46.03, unless the individual is a License Holder.
  - B. It is a violation of the law that License Holder intentionally displays the handgun in plain view of another while on the premises of the EPCC District, as per Texas Penal Code Unlawful Carrying of Handgun by License Holder, P.C. 46.035.
  - C. It is a violation of the law that a License Holder carries a concealed handgun and enters a Gun Free Zone as per Texas Penal Code, Trespass by Holder of License to Carry Concealed Handgun, P.C. 30.06. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$200, except that the offense is a Class A misdemeanor
- IV. Any College employee, student, or individual who becomes aware of the listed violations must report them immediately to the El Paso Community College (EPCC) Police at 831-2200. The EPCC Police will then investigate the incident.
  - A. Persons in violation of state law will be arrested and/or taken into custody (if a juvenile) and referred to the district attorney's or juvenile probation office for prosecution/adjudication.
  - B. License Holder Responsibilities:
    1. The license holder assumes all responsibility for knowing the location of Gun Free Zones (temporary and permanent) and assuring proper storage of his/her weapon.
    2. Gun Free Zone locations are published in the Campus Concealed Carry Report and are available to the public on the EPCC Website.