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7-18 Weapons Policy

Approval

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Policy Statement

The possession, storage or use of firearms, explosives of any type (including fireworks), or weapons of any sort is not permitted on campus with the exception of those charged with the job of protecting the college and its population. Any item that is furnished or used as a weapon will be treated as a violation of college policy and any Federal, State or Local laws will be applicable. The term "weapon" includes but is not limited to:

- 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;
- Any BB gun, pellet gun, air/CO2 gun, paintball gun, or stun gun;
- Any explosive, incendiary material (solid, liquid or gas) bomb or device including all fireworks;
- Any longbow, crossbow and arrows or other projectile that could cause serious harm to any person;
- Any knife which has a blade over four (4) inches or that opens automatically by buttons, spring, force of gravity or by an outward, downward or centrifugal thrust or movement;
- Any fake or toy gun, or a hand held under clothing to simulate a weapon, with exception of those simulated weapons used for instruction for a class or project.

Weapons, as defined above, are not permitted on college property unless in the possession of a law enforcement officer, armored car security personnel, college employed security officer or as otherwise specifically permitted and authorized by the Personal and Family Protection Act, or House Resolution 218 (H.R. 218) as amended.

Individuals found to have brought or to have been in possession of any article designed to inflict bodily harm, at WATC, on WATC property or at a WATC supervised activity are subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from WATC.

For the purposes of this policy, personal self-defense items containing mace or pepper spray shall not be deemed to be a weapon as long as they are not in contradiction with local laws.