

# CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE

Risk Management  
254-526-1347

**SUBJECT:** Campus Carry - Frequently Asked Questions (“FAQ”)

As part of Central Texas College District “CTCD” Campus Carry initiative, CTCD has compiled numerous questions in an effort to provide knowledge and understanding of Senate Bill 11; Campus Carry (“S.B.11”). Below is a list of frequently asked questions:

## **What is Texas’ “Campus Carry” law?**

S.B.11 created Campus Carry that authorizes handgun license holders to carry a concealed handgun on public institutions of higher education in Texas. This authorization is subject to the institution’s reasonable rules and regulations, but a public institution may not opt out.

## **Are guns, other than handguns, allowed on college campus, so as long as they are concealed?**

No. The law allows concealed handguns only.

## **When does the Campus Carry law take effect at CTC?**

August 1, 2016 the law became effective for State Funded Universities.

August 1, 2017 the law becomes effective for public Junior Colleges like CTC.

## **Does the Campus Carry law permit anyone to carry a concealed weapon on CTCD campus?**

No. Only individuals possessing a valid handgun license may carry on CTCD Campus. Individuals must be 21 years of age to obtain a handgun license. For information on requirements go to:

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/rsd/chl/index.htm>.

## **Does the law allow for open carry on CTCD campus?**

No. S.B. 11 prohibits open carry on all campuses in Texas. It is a criminal offense for a license holder to carry a partially or wholly visible handgun. If the person intentionally or knowingly displays the handgun in plain view of another person, this is a violation of the Campus Carry law.

**What should I do if I see a handgun or any other type of weapon on campus?**

Immediately contact CTCD Police Department at 254-526-1427. In the event of an emergency, call 911. CTCD Police shall maintain a list of all weapon-related incidents and provide an annual report to the Chancellor.

**Do Faculty, Staff, and Students have a right to know who is carrying a handgun in class?**

No. The weapon must be concealed at all times. Only law enforcement may make inquiries about whether an individual is in possession of a concealed handgun.

**What happens if someone violates CTCD Campus Carry policy?**

A person who fails to comply with S.B. 11 or CTCD's concealed handgun rules and regulations is subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment for employees or expulsion for students, including the first occurrence.

**Does CTCD have rules, regulations or other policies that prohibit handgun license holders from carrying concealed handguns in certain places on campus?**

Yes. CTCD is preparing policies governing Campus Carry which will include "Gun Free Zones" as recommended by the Administration and CTCD Campus Carry committee. Information sessions regarding these proposed policies will be held on June 21, 2017. See CTCD events calendar for dates and times. Following the information sessions, a final policy will be considered by the CTCD Board of Trustees for approval.

**How will areas be designated handgun-prohibited?**

Buildings and rooms that are deemed "Gun Free Zones" will be marked by signs in compliance with Texas Penal Code Section 30.06.

### **Is campus carry allowed in CTCD Staff or Faculty offices?**

Yes, but sole occupancy offices can be designated as “Gun Free Zones” by the individual occupying that office. Such individuals need only verbally tell others that guns are not permitted.

### **Can classrooms be designated as a “Gun Free Zone”?**

No. The law does not allow that.

### **Are handgun license holders obligated to respond to threats on campus?**

No. Threats on campus should be only responded to by trained law enforcement officers.

### **Can CTCD Campus Carry policy change?**

Yes, the Chancellor has the right to make changes to the policy within the limitations of the law. The Chancellor may modify the policy for campus safety. Any Campus Carry policy or revisions thereto requires a 2/3 majority approval of the CTCD Board of Trustees.

### **Where can I get more information about Campus Carry?**

<http://www.ctcd.edu/locations/central-campus/campus-safety-wellness/safety-and-security/campus-carry-implementation/>.

Contact Risk Management at 254-526-1347 or email at [RDepartment@ctcd.edu](mailto:RDepartment@ctcd.edu), or contact CTCD Police at 254-526-1427 or email at [campus.police@ctcd.edu](mailto:campus.police@ctcd.edu).