Campus Carry Overview
Senate Bill 11

• August 1, 2017 handgun license holders may carry a concealed handgun on college campuses.
• Violators are subject to criminal penalties.
• Applies to all CTCD employees, students and visitors.
• Central Campus and Service Area locations (procedures on military bases override CTCD policy).
Texas Government Code:

(a) For purposes of this section:
   (1) “Campus” means all land and buildings owned or leased by an institution of higher education or private or independent institution of higher education.
• Open carrying of handguns is prohibited at all institutions of higher education, including CTCD.
• Carrying of firearms other than a concealed handgun is illegal.
• Must have a Texas approved handgun license in order to carry a concealed handgun on campus.
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• CTCD is not obligated to and does not provide storage areas for handguns on campus.

• Safe secure storage of handguns is the responsibility of the license holder and must be done in a concealed fashion inside a personally owned or leased vehicle.
Can others find out if I am licensed to carry a concealed handgun?

- Generally, an individual is not required to disclose that they are a license holder or whether they are carrying a handgun.
- The exception to this is upon request by a police officer, a license holder must show both driver license AND handgun license. (unless not carrying).
Do police officers have the right to disarm me?

• Yes. If any police officer reasonably believes a safety risk exists, he/she may disarm you.

Comply...be courteous and non-confrontational and follow the officers directions!
If my handgun is in my backpack, am I still considered to be “carrying?”

- The law requires carrying a handgun **“on or about”** the license holder.
  - This is understood as keeping the concealed handgun easily within your reach, i.e., you can reach it without materially changing your position.
  - Thus, a license holder who has a concealed handgun in his/her backpack, must keep the backpack easily within arm’s reach.
If my handgun is on the seat beside me in my car, am I violating the campus carry law?"

• Yes. Remember, you cannot have a visible handgun anywhere while on the premises of a college campus.
What do I do if I am confronted by an armed gunman?

License holders and non-license holders:

**RUN – Avoid**
- Always choose this as your first option if possible. Get out of harm’s way.

**HIDE – Barricade**
- If you can’t run, put yourself somewhere safe and be quiet until given the all clear from police.

**FIGHT – Confront**
- This is a last resort and to be used only if necessary to save your life.
Where on campus can I legally carry my concealed weapon?

Grounds, buildings (or portions thereof) sidewalks, walkways, driveways and parking lots **not** designated as Gun Free Zones either by policy or by law.
CTCD Gun Free Zones:
1. Daycare, early childhood education locations and activities, and all areas and events frequently visited by minor children.
2. CTCD Mental Health care service locations, including during individual and group sessions.
3. Areas involving all sporting or interscholastic events.
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4. Polling locations—including early voting.
5. Board of Trustee meeting locations.
6. All ISD locations.
7. Locations prohibited by law.
8. Mayborn Science Theater during events specifically for minors.
9. Sole occupant offices at the occupant’s discretion.
10. Disciplinary or grievance locations.
11. Morton Hall residence housing with some exceptions.
12. Locations where dangerous chemicals are stored.
13. CTCD owned, rented or leased vehicles during transport of minors.
15. Areas where contractual or licensing obligations exclude carrying firearms.
Texas Penal Code §30.06

Posting of Notice:

• With the exception of sole occupant offices; use of a location as a Gun Free Zone requires CTCD to post an approved sign for the duration of time the area is used as a Gun Free Zone.
Policy Exceptions

This policy does not apply to:
1. Licensed law enforcement officers.
2. Students enrolled/participating in CTCD courses utilizing authorized weapons.
4. Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) and military bases.
5. ISD or other Pre-K to 12 educational facility where CTCD courses are taught.
Reporting Violations

- Report violations to CTC Police Department at 526-1427.
- Call 911 if an emergency exists.
- CTCD policies are available on the website: www.ctcd.edu.
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Disciplinary Actions

- Students violating the CTCD Campus Carry policy or law may be subject to disciplinary action under the Student Code of Conduct and/or criminal prosecution.

- Employees violating the CTCD Campus Carry policy or law may be subject to disciplinary action under the CTCD Human Resources Policy and Procedures Manual and/or criminal prosecution.
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