



**POLICY: 6Hx28:10-04**

**Responsible Executive:** Vice President,  
Business Operations and Chief Financial  
Officer

**Policy Contacts:** [Asst VP, Operations](#)

**Specific Authority:** 1001.64, F.S.

**Law Implemented:** 1001.64, s. 790, F.S.

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## Firearms and Weapons on College Property and at College Events

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### I. PURPOSE & INTENT

In order to maintain a safe academic and workplace environment, Valencia College ([“College”](#)) provides this Policy for information and direction regarding the use, storage, and possession of firearms and weapons on ~~Valencia~~-College property and at ~~Valencia~~-College events.

### II. POLICY STATEMENT

#### A. Applicability

1. This Policy is applicable to all members of the ~~Valencia~~-[College](#) community, including all students, faculty, staff, visitors, contractors, [volunteers, interns,](#) ~~and~~-invitees and guests, on or at any ~~Valencia~~-[College](#) campus, facility, or event (“Individuals”).

#### B. Compliance

1. In accordance with Sections 790.115 and 790.251, Florida Statutes, this Policy prohibits Individuals from possessing firearms, electric weapons or devices, destructive devices, or other weapons defined in Sec. 790.001(13), F.S. on or at any ~~Valencia~~-[College](#) campus, facility, or event except as otherwise provided by Florida law.

2. In addition to firearms, [Chapter 790, Florida Statutes](#), regulates the possession of all other weapons on or at any ~~Valencia-College~~ campus, facility, or event. This policy does not prohibit legitimate work tools required to complete official work on campus.

### C. Exceptions

1. It is lawful and not a violation of this Policy for law enforcement officers of government agencies, whether on or off duty, who currently are authorized by the employing law enforcement government agency, to possess the firearm on or at any ~~Valencia-College~~ campus, facility, or event.
2. It is lawful and not a violation of this Policy for a person 18 years of age or older to possess a concealed firearm or other weapon for self-defense or other lawful purpose within the interior of a private vehicle (conveyance), with or without a license, if the firearm or other weapon is securely encased or is otherwise not readily accessible for immediate use. In accordance with Section 790.25(5), F.S., this policy does not prohibit the carrying of a legal firearm other than a handgun anywhere in a private vehicle (conveyance) when such firearm is being carried for a lawful use. This exception shall not be construed to authorize the carrying of a concealed firearm or other weapon on the person.
3. It is lawful and not a violation of this Policy for the College's armored car vendor, when acting in the course and scope of their college duties, to possess a firearm on a ~~Valencia-College~~ Campus, or in the event of any other possession of a firearm specifically authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 790.115, Florida Statutes.
4. Should it be necessary or desirable for the use of firearms in any of the academic programs of the College, then permission for such use must be applied for and approved as follows:
  - a. School of Public Safety (SPS) Academic Programs: Permission for the use of firearms or other weapons, as appropriate, at any of the SPS Academic Programs must be approved by the SPS Executive Dean or the Director of the Criminal Justice Institute, with advanced notification to Safety and Security Services.
  - b. All other College academic programs: Permission for use of firearms or other weapons, as appropriate, at any other College academic program or course must be approved granted by the College President or designee, Vice President, for Operations and Finance Business Ops & CFO, and the Assistant Vice President, Safety and

Security Operations, with advanced notification to Safety and Security Services.

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### Procedures:

#### I. Timely Reporting Obligations of Alleged Policy Violation(s)

Timely reports of any sightings or information about the possession or threat of a firearm or other unauthorized weapons or other violations of this Policy should must be made immediately to law enforcement (by calling 9-1-1) or College Safety and Security Services (see list in Appendix A) on their campus for a coordinated response. The College contact point that receives the initial reporting will coordinate with other appropriate College representatives for further evaluation of circumstances and action as deemed necessary: to the appropriate campus representatives, as follows:

A. Office of Campus Safety and Security Services;

B. Campus President/Provost;

C. Dean of Students/Counseling, Advising, and Holistic Student Support at 407-582-5368; and/or

D. Organizational Development and Human Resources/Employee Relations Office at 407-299-4748 (HR4U) or HR4U@valenciacollege.edu.

H. Notification should also be given to the Vice President for Human Resources and Vice President for Student Affairs, as appropriate. Violations of this Policy may result in appropriate sanctions, up to and including termination from employment, expulsion, and/or suspension from the College.

II. Any violation of this policy is a serious offense. Any violation(s) of this policy by any individual is considered serious misconduct, may require further investigation and action based on the severity of circumstances by the appropriate authority(ies) on this matter, and may subject the violator to sanctions as appropriate, penalties including, but not limited to,;

A. Discipline up to and including termination/dismissal from employment under this and any other applicable Valencia College policy or procedure;:-

B. This may result in Discipline up to and including academic expulsion from the College;

C. Issuance of a written directive from the Campus Safety and Security Services Office barring future access to or entry upon College property or at a College sponsored or supervised event; and/or

D. ~~a~~Notification ~~of to~~ local law enforcement officials for ~~police~~ response and action, ~~as~~ appropriate under local, state, or federal law.

~~;~~ ~~or issuance of a written directive from the Campus Security Office barring future access to or entry upon College property or at a College sponsored or supervised event.~~

III. Any individual who makes a report or provides information that is later found to have been intentionally false or made maliciously without regard for truth may be subject to sanctions as appropriately listed in Procedures II above.

IV. An individual who believes an adverse action has been taken for reporting a sighting or information about an unauthorized weapon or other violation of this Policy, should contact one of the following representatives for further review and action as deemed appropriate:

A. Students: Dean of Students or designee for the campus on which the violation occurred.

B. Employees, Volunteers, or Interns: Organizational Development and Human Resources/Employee Relations Office at 407-299-4748 (HR4U) or [HR4U@valenciacollege.edu](mailto:HR4U@valenciacollege.edu).

C. All others (e.g., contractors, vendors, visitors): Safety and Security Services (see list in Appendix A).

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**Related Statutes, Rules, and Policies, ~~and Documents~~:**

College Policy: 6Hx28:8-03, Student Code of Conduct [790.001, F.S.](#); [790.115, F.S.](#); [790.25, F.S.](#); [790.251, F.S.](#)

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**Related Documents:**

**Appendix A: Safety and Security Services Contact Numbers**

<u>Campus</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
<u>Advanced Manufacturing Training Center</u>	<u>407-582-4000</u>
<u>Downtown Center</u>	<u>407-582-1000</u>
<u>East Campus</u>	<u>407-582-2000</u>
<u>Fire Rescue Training Facility</u>	<u>407-582-1000</u>

<u>Lake Nona Campus</u>	<u>407-582-7000</u>
<u>North West Orlando CAT Building</u>	<u>407-582-3600</u>
<u>Osceola Campus</u>	<u>407-582-4000</u>
<u>Poinciana Campus</u>	<u>407-582-6500</u>
<u>School of Public Safety</u>	<u>407-582-8000</u>
<u>West Campus</u>	<u>407-582-1000</u>
<u>Winter Park Campus</u>	<u>407-582-6000</u>

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