

514.6 WEAPONS POLICY

Warren County Community College prohibits the use or possession of any weapons as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1 in all campus buildings on all College properties and at all College sponsored events. The prohibition of the use and possession of weapons as defined below applies to students, employees, independent contractors and visitors/members of the public, including those who have a valid permit to carry a concealed weapon. Violators of this policy may be removed from campus, arrested, expelled, suspended, placed on probation or given a lesser sanction for good cause consistent with due process. Individuals shall be held accountable through the criminal justice system and/or the College judiciary process. Prohibition may not apply to authorized law enforcement personnel pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:39-6, if an exemption applies to carry a weapon on campus.

All state and federal statutes and local ordinances regarding the possession of firearms and weapons, including imitation firearms, both legal and illegal apply on all College property and at College-sponsored events and any applicable statutes, laws, regulations and ordinances are hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth here at length. Under New Jersey statute weapons mean, "anything readily capable of lethal use or of inflicting serious bodily injury." The term includes, but is not limited to: air guns, spring guns or pistols or weapons of a similar nature in which the propelling force is from an elastic band, carbon dioxide, compressed or other gas or vapor, air or compressed air or ignited by compressed air and ejecting a bullet or missile, knives, clubs, night sticks, metal knuckles, firearm silencers, armor piercing ammunition, zip guns, chemical substances, i.e. pepper spray over 3/4 oz. (See N.J.S.A.2C:39-6(i) setting out permissible conditions for carrying chemical substances for personal self-defense.)

In accordance with state statute N.J.S.A 2C: 39-5(e)(1), any person who knowingly has in his/her possession any firearm in or upon any part of the buildings and grounds of any college or university, without authorization of the governing officer of the institution is guilty of a crime of the third degree, regardless of whether on possesses a valid permit to carry the firearm or a valid firearms purchaser identification card.

Please see Campus Operations or Campus Security for more details regarding the College's weapons policy.

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