

PROHIBITION OF WEAPONS

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I. Prohibition of weapons

- A. The Rio Hondo Community College District prohibits firearms, knives, explosives, or other dangerous objects at any District facility. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, the following:
1. All firearms, both loaded and unloaded
 2. Any facsimile firearm, knife, or explosive
 3. Persons holding a valid license to carry a concealed firearm
- B. The District prohibits bringing or possessing weapons including, but not limited to: any dirk, dagger, ice pick, knife having a fixed blade longer than 2.5 inches, or any other weapon referenced in California Penal Code to any District facility.

II. Exemption for law enforcement

- A. The following activities and/or persons utilizing firearms or other weapons conducted under the direction of District officials, Division of Public Safety, or as authorized by an official law enforcement agency shall be reported to the Superintendent/President or designee before taking place, and are exempt:
1. A duly appointed peace officer as defined in the California Penal Code, Chapter 4.5 of Title 3 of Part 2 who is carrying out official duties
 2. A full-time paid peace officer of another state or the federal government who is carrying out official duties while in California
 3. A member of the military forces of this state or of the United States who is engaged in the performance of their professional duties requiring a firearm
 4. An armored vehicle guard, engaged in the performance of his or her duties, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 7582.1 of the Business and Professions Code.

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- B. Additionally, prohibition of weapons does not apply to an existing shooting range on the college campus or to police cadets while participating in an approved course of instruction with or under the direction of the Rio Hondo College Police/Corrections Academy.

- III. Prohibition of prior approvals
 - A. No District official, including the Superintendent/President, shall have the authority to grant permission, written or otherwise, to carry a weapon at any District facility.

- IV. Sources/references:
 - A. Penal Code Section 626.9 and 626.10
 - B. Penal Code Chapter 4.5 of Title 3 of Part 2
 - C. Administrative Procedure 3510

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