



## **POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

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### **PURPOSE**

To state the policy of LDCC regarding the possession of firearms and dangerous weapons within its facilities and premises and the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 14:95.2 (Carrying a firearm by a student or nonstudent on school property or firearm-free zone) and 14:95.6 (Firearm-free zone; notice; signs; crime; penalties).

### **SCOPE**

Entire College community.

### **POLICY**

This policy was developed in accordance with LCTCS Policy #1.035.

Louisiana Delta Community College, is designated as a “Firearm-Free Zone” as defined in Louisiana Law Revised Statute 14:95.6, which states “a firearm-free zone is an area inclusive of any school campus and within one thousand feet of any such campus, and within a school bus. According to Louisiana Law Revised Statute 14:95.2, the definition of a “school” is any elementary, secondary, high school, vocational-technical school, college, or university in this state.

Therefore, pursuant to Louisiana Law Revised Statute 14:95.2(A) carrying a firearm or dangerous weapon by a student or non-student on school property, at a school-sponsored function or affiliated function, or in a firearm-free zone is unlawful and shall be defined as possession of any firearm or dangerous weapon, on one’s person, at any time while on a school campus, on school transportation, or at any school-sponsored function in a specific designated area including but not limited to athletic competitions, dances, parties, or any extracurricular activities, or within one thousand feet of any school campus.

Weapons may not be dropped off or stored at the Louisiana Delta Community College Police Department. Violators of the “Firearms and Weapons Policy” shall be subject to criminal charges. Additionally, students found in violation shall be subject to administrative discipline. A federal,

state, or local law enforcement officer in the performance of his official duties, is exempt from the prohibitions of Louisiana Revised Code 14.95.

Violations of weapons on campus should be reported to the Louisiana Delta Community College Police Department.

### **Definitions**

A firearm is defined as any pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, machine gun, submachine gun, or assault rifle, which is designed to fire or is capable of firing fixed cartridge ammunition or from which a shot or projectile is discharged by an explosive.

A dangerous weapon is defined as any gas, liquid or other substance or instrumentality, which, in the manner used, is calculated or likely to produce death or great bodily harm.