



## POLICY REGARDING WEAPONS ON CAMPUS

**Applies to** (check all that apply):

Faculty  Staff  Students

Division/Department  College  All Members of the Public

### **Topic/Issue:**

Possession and carrying of weapons on any property or in any building owned, leased or used by Baltimore City Community College ("BCCC").

### **Background to Issue/Rationale for Policy:**

While Maryland State law makes it a crime to carry certain weapons on college campuses under certain circumstances, BCCC's policy bans all weapons on all property owned, leased or used by the College with only limited exceptions.

### **Policy Language:**

1. BCCC prohibits the carrying of firearms, explosives, metal knuckles, knives with blades more than 3 inches long, and any other instrument or substance identified as a weapon by the Maryland Annotated Code, Criminal Law Article, Section 4-101, and any replica thereof, at the BCCC Liberty campus and in any property owned, leased or used by BCCC. This prohibition applies to employees, students, invitees, tenants, visitors, and all other persons on BCCC properties.

2. Exception: (a) Police Officers and other law enforcement officers whose official duties require them to be at the BCCC campus or at other locations owned, leased, or used by BCCC may carry guns, firearms, ammunition, and other weapons consistent with their law enforcement responsibilities and in compliance with the rules and regulations of their employing agencies. (b) An individual only with prior written approval from the BCCC Director of Public Safety may display or engage in a demonstration using a decommissioned weapon or replica of a weapon for educational purposes.

3. Violations of this policy should be reported immediately to the BCCC Department of Public Safety.

4. Employees or students in violation of this policy are subject to discipline, up to and including termination of employment or expulsion. Other persons in violation of this policy will be barred from the campus or other BCCC locations.

5. Criminal sanctions for violation of State, federal or local law relating to guns, firearms, ammunition, and other weapons will be sought where applicable.

**Implementation Date:** Upon Board Approval

**Approved by Board of Trustees:** June 21, 2023