

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY  
WEAPONS POLICY



The Board recognizes that the possession of pistols, firearms or other weapons on any of its institutional premises or at its institutions or student functions off-campus by persons other than duly authorized law enforcement officials, institutional security officials, other authorized persons and the institutional approved programs creates an unreasonable and unwarranted risk of injury or death to its institutions' employees, students, visitors and guests and further creates an unreasonable and unwarranted risk of damage to properties of the institutions, employees, students, visitors, guests and properties of others. Because of such dangers, the Board hereby prohibits the possession of pistols, firearms or other weapons in any form by any person other than duly authorized law enforcement officials, institutional security officials and other authorized persons. "Authorized persons" includes those individuals authorized by applicable law and by the institutional executive officer or his/her designee. "Authorized persons" also includes those who have in their possession a valid, unexpired state firearms permit with the "Instructor Certified" (IC) sticker on the back, or the equivalent permit issued by a state with a reciprocity agreement with Mississippi. Even so, those possessing such permits are not permitted to possess firearms in any institutional facilities and/or areas that are deemed non-public. Students and employees are not authorized to possess firearms on institutional property or at institutional off-campus events regardless of possession of firearms permits (See IHL Board of Trustees Policies and Bylaws 1106 – Firearms policy).

For purposes of this policy, a weapon is any dangerous instrument if it is used, attempted or threatened to be used, or is readily capable of being used to cause death or serious physical injury, including but not limited to the following: firearms (any weapon from which a shot, projectile, or other object may be discharged by force, whether operable or inoperable, loaded or unloaded, bombs, knives (except small, personal pocket knives with a folding blade no longer than three (3) inches, or culinary knives with blades of four(4) inches or less used exclusively for food preparation), slingshots, etc.

The possession of weapons in violation of this policy may subject one to criminal liability, removal from campus or campus events or facilities, employment discipline, and/or sanctions.

**PUBLIC LOCATIONS** – The definition of public locations contained herein is for the purpose of this policy.

- The Student Union (Post Office, Book Store, Convenience Store, The Print Shop, and The Sub Shop); except for administrative offices
- H. M. Ivy Cafeteria
- James Herbert White Library; except for administrative offices, classroom, or writing centers

**NON-PUBLIC LOCATIONS** – This definition of non-public locations contained herein is only for the purpose of this policy. Facilities include but are not limited to:

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- Academic buildings, including, but not limited to, classrooms, labs, galleries, and performance spaces
- Administrative offices and buildings
- Athletic facilities, including, but not limited to Rice-Totten Stadium, R. W. Harrison Complex, and the Lackey Recreational Center
- Residential facilities; including, but not limited to residence halls
- All outdoor recreational spaces and facilities, including, but not limited to the Softball Field, the Baseball Field, and the Soccer Field
- Student Health Center
- Child Development Center
- Any facilities/buildings not designated as a public location

#### REVIEW

The Vice President for Student Affairs is responsible for the review of this policy every four years or as needed.