

**Paris Junior College Policy-  
CHL (Local) Concealed Carry of Handguns on Campus**

This Policy is intended to establish guidelines and procedures for the implementation of the state statute authorizing the concealed carry of handguns on the premises of Paris Junior College. These rules and regulations were established by the President of Paris Junior College in consultation with faculty, staff, and students and reviewed by Paris Junior College Board of Regents.

This Policy will become effective August 1, 2017 and is intended to be in conformity with the requirement of Texas Government Code Section 411.2031.

This Policy will be reviewed in August of even numbered years by the college Vice Presidents and the Office of the President.

**POLICY/PROCEDURE**

**1) Definitions**

- a) Campus – all land and buildings owned or leased by Paris Junior College as lessee.
- b) Premises – a building or portion of a building.
- c) Governmental Meeting – an “Open Meeting” with deliberation between a quorum of a governmental body, or between a quorum of a governmental body and another person, during which public business or public policy over which the governmental body has supervision or control is discussed or considered or during which the governmental body takes formal action; or that is conducted by the governmental body for which the governmental body is responsible as defined under chapter 551 of the Texas Government code and the governmental entity provided notice as required by the chapter (Example: Board of Regents Meetings).
- d) Open Carry – visible possession of a handgun in public.
- e) Handgun – any firearm that is designed, made, or adapted to be fired with one hand.
- f) Handgun license holder – an individual licensed to carry a concealed handgun under Subchapter H, Chapter 411 of the Texas Government code (“Chapter 411”). Generally, such an eligible individual must be at least 21 years of age, not have a criminal record as defined by the code, and meet certain education and proficiency requirements. Chapter 411 contains some exceptions to the age requirement (e.g., ex-military personnel).
- g) Concealed handgun – a handgun, the presence of which is not openly discernible to the ordinary observation of a reasonable person.
- h) Reveal – to intentionally or knowingly display a handgun, in whole or part, in plain view of another person in a public place.

- i) On or about – actual care, custody control or management of a firearm under Texas Penal Code 1.07 (A) (39).
- j) Competitive sporting events – includes organized high school, collegiate, intramural, or professional sporting events.
- k) Exclusionary zone – any premise in which the carry of a concealed handgun is prohibited by virtue of Texas statute or these rules.
- l) Gun Free Zone – an area of the Campus which may be all or part of a building or a room in which the possession of handguns are prohibited as provided in Campus Carry Appendix 1. Each restricted area requires that notice be given to license holders as specified under Texas Penal Code 30.06.

## **2) General Provisions**

- a) Subject to applicable Texas or federal laws and rules adopted by the college, individuals holding a valid Texas Concealed handgun License (CHL) or the new state designation for the same, License to Carry (LTC), will be allowed to carry their handgun, concealed on their person, on the campus of Paris Junior College.
- b) Pursuant to Texas Penal Code Sections 46.035 and 30.07, the open display of a handgun in plain view of another person on Paris Junior College property is never allowed except by an authorized individual such as a peace officer while in the actual discharge of his/her duty.
- c) While Paris Junior College will employ all reasonable means to delineate exclusionary zones by signage in accord with Texas statutory law, it is the responsibility of the permit holder to know, understand, and follow these rules and applicable laws while on the campus of Paris Junior College. Holders of such permits are bound by state and federal law and may face criminal or civil penalties for violation of those statutes.
- d) Authorized permit holders are not required to disclose their concealed carry license status to anyone other than a law enforcement officer. Paris Junior College will not maintain a list of concealed carry license holders. This information is not a matter of public record. Paris Junior College employees (other than law enforcement officers) may not, under any circumstances, require students or employees to disclose their concealed carry license status. A current permit/license holder will not be subject to prejudice or other retaliation for lawfully expressing his or her right to carry.

## **3) Specific Exclusions to Concealed Carry of a Handgun**

- a) Exclusionary zone – the college president is the only person with the authority to declare a specific premise or venue as an exclusionary zone. Therefore, except as provided herein, without the express written consent of the president, no faculty member, staff member, student, or student group may exclude a specific premise or venue as “off limits”.
- b) Exclusion by law – Texas statutes outside of Texas Government Code Section 411.2031 separately provide exclusions of certain premises or events, which provisions are hereby incorporated. Under such laws, concealed carry is prohibited from the following premises or locations:
  - Where a high school, collegiate, intramural, or professional sporting event or interscholastic event is taking place, including Paris Junior College athletic events;

- Where any board of Regents meeting is being held;
- Where any UIL sanctioned competition is being held;
- Where any formal disciplinary hearing is being held;
- Where any other official governmental meeting or judicial proceeding is being conducted; and
- Where polling is being conducted for local, state, or federal elections.

**c) Additional exclusions are as follows:**

- Any college event where alcohol is being served by an organization under Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission rules and regulations;
- DeShong Chapel
- Performance venues and locations during ticketed events on a case-by-case basis if a temporary designation is obtained from the president pursuant to 3(d) below and
- The location of a disciplinary or grievance hearing conducted by Paris Junior College employees.

d) Other specific premises or venues may be declared “off limits” by the college president. Adoption of exclusion for a premise or venue must be reasonably justified. The requestor must provide evidence that a concealed handgun on that particular premise or venue creates some special danger. Requests for exclusion must be provided in writing to the Office of the President at least 90 days prior to the date of the event.

**Appendix 3: – Request for Exclusion of Campus Carry**

e) To assist in the process of approving exclusions, a standing committee titled the Campus Carry Committee will be established. The committee will be charged with investigating requests for exclusions and making a recommendation to the president concerning the request. The chair and members of this committee will be appointed by the president and will include representatives from Vice President of Workforce Education, Vice President of Academic Studies, Vice President of Student Services, Director of Human Resources and Chief of Police.

**4) Gun Free Zones**

This portion of the Policy clarifies the areas on Paris Junior College Campus or properties owned, leased or rented by Paris Junior College, which are deemed Gun Free Zones and thus the carrying of a concealed handgun inside the defined locations is prohibited by this policy. Any further mention of properties owned, leased or rented by Paris Junior College in this policy/procedure will be referred to as “campus” unless otherwise stated.

There are two types of Gun Free Zones under this policy. One is of a permanent nature and the second is temporary. A permanent Gun Free Zone is one that meets the requirements of a Gun Free Zone on a constant, daily basis. A temporary Gun Free Zone is a building, room, or area used for a short period of time, which meets the requirements of a Gun Free Zone only periodically when a specific event occurs so as to make it a Gun Free Zone for that period of time.

Appendix 1 – Pertains to Permanent Gun Free Zones.

Appendix 2 – Pertains to Temporary Gun Free Zones.

**5) College Housing**

- a) Handgun license holders residing Paris Junior College Residence halls will be allowed to possess handguns on the premise provided that:
  - i) Such possession is in compliance at all times with Texas statutory law and these rules; and
  - ii) The license holder stores his/her handgun(s) in a college-approved gun safe installed in the license holder's room.
- b) Students who are assigned to dorm rooms where a firearm is stored and who are concerned about their well-being may request a transfer to another room. Please refer to the college housing contract for specific provisions concerning possession of firearms in college housing.

**6) Information to the College Community**

Paris Junior College will widely distribute these rules and regulations and offer educational information regarding these rules and safety procedures to the students, staff, and faculty through the college's website, student and employee handbooks, and other publications.

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Appendix 1 (Permanent Gun Free Zones)

Building Name/Activity	Room(s)	Reason for Exclusion	Relevant Laws or Regulations
Sulphur Springs Welding Classrooms and Labs  Applied Science - Welding Classrooms and Labs	Sulphur Springs Welding Shop  Paris Applied Science Rooms 121-123	The discharge of a firearm in areas such as laboratories with flammable and combustible chemicals, biologic agents, or explosive agents could cause great harm.	
Workforce Training Center HVAC Lab	WTC 154	The discharge of a firearm in areas such as laboratories with flammable and combustible chemicals, biologic agents, or explosive agents could cause great harm.	
Applied Sciences Jewelry Classrooms/Lab	AS 111, 117, 126, 133	The discharge of a firearm in areas such as laboratories with flammable and combustible chemicals, biologic agents, or explosive agents could cause great harm.	
Applied Sciences Horology Classroom/Lab	AS 130, 148	The discharge of a firearm in areas such as laboratories with flammable and combustible chemicals, biologic agents, or explosive agents could cause great harm.	
Workforce Training Center EMT Classroom/Lab	WTC 1022	The discharge of a firearm in areas such as laboratories with flammable and combustible chemicals, biologic agents, or explosive agents could cause great harm.	

Hub Hollis Baseball Field		Athletic Events and UIL Events	
Hunt Center		Athletic Events and UIL Events	
Noyes Stadium		Athletic Events and UIL Events	
Science Labs Greenville Center	Greenville Center room 214	The discharge of a firearm in areas such as laboratories with flammable and combustible chemicals, biologic agents, or explosive agents could cause great harm.	
Paris Math & Science	MS 203, 207, 209, 213	The discharge of a firearm in areas such as laboratories with flammable and combustible chemicals, biologic agents, or explosive agents could cause great harm.	
Administration Building Founder's Room	AD 146 – Founder's Room	Room used by a Government entity for open meetings	
Administration Building Founder's Room Disciplinary hearings	AD 146 – Founder's Room	Formal hearings involve adjudicatory processes that can include individual and/or group meetings, hearings, mediations, quasi-judicial proceedings and appellate proceedings.	
Testing Center Paris Alford Center	AC 106	All exams administered in these venues require by contract that students store belongings	
Greenville Library	GC Room 120		
Sulphur Springs Library	SSC Room 113		
DeShong Chapel		Texas Penal Code 46.035 (a)-(a-1), (f)(3) on the premises of a place of religious worship	

Appendix 2 (Temporary Gun Free Zones)

Building/Activity Name	Room(s)	Reason for Exclusion	Relevant Laws or Regulations
Interscholastic Events	Varies	Texas Penal Code prohibits guns on the premises where a high school interscholastic event is taking place	
Theatre Music Hall		Performance venues and locations during ticketed events	
Workforce Training Center/Court Required Mediation	Varies	Judicial Proceedings	

**APPENDIX 3:**

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The college president has the sole authority to declare a specific premises or venue as an exclusionary zone. Therefore, except as provided herein, without the express written consent of the president, no faculty member, staff member, student, or student group may represent a specific premises or venue as "off limits" for concealed carry of handguns.

In order to justify a request to the president that concealed carry of handguns be excluded from a premise or venue, the requestor must provide evidence that a concealed handgun at that premises or venue creates some special danger by virtue of the nature of the premises or venue or the activities or events thereon. Written requests for exclusion must be provided to the Office of the President at least 90 days prior to the date of the event.

First Name:

Last Name:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Title:

Name of activity/event or premises/venue:

Date and time of activity/event if applicable:

Reasons for requesting exclusion from campus carry:

Date request submitted:

*To assist in the process of approving exclusion, the Campus Carry Committee will investigate requests for exclusions and make a recommendation to the president concerning the request. Please send the completed form to Office of the President Paris Junior College.*