

**JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Manual of Policies and Procedures**

**POLICY NO: IV:02:05**

**DATE: February 1993**

**REVISION/REVIEW DATES: May 1997, Aug 2013, Aug 2015, January 2021**

**SUBJECT: Weapons Possession**

**APPROVED: Dr. Don C. Killingsworth, Jr., President**

**PURPOSE**

This policy promotes the safety of students and employees by the regulation of the possession of dangerous weapons within the requirements of law.

**POLICY**

No employees, students, or visitors of Jacksonville State University will keep, use, possess, display, or carry any rifle, shotgun, handgun, knife, or other lethal or dangerous weapons or devices capable of casting a projectile by air, gas, explosion, or mechanical means on any property or in any building owned, leased, or operated by the University or in any vehicles on Campus property. Realistic facsimiles of weapons are also specifically not allowed.

**ENFORCEMENT**

Any violation of this policy will result in appropriate action related to any offense(s) under Local, State, or Federal Statute.

**EXCEPTIONS**

Bona fide law enforcement officers may possess any approved firearm and/or other defensive instrument while on duty or at other times, as approved by the Director of Public Safety.

Employees may possess weapons which are secured in their private vehicles, provided such possession and storage strictly comply with the requirements of Act 2013-283 of the Alabama Legislature, effective August 1, 2013.

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Students, visitors, and employees wishing to do so may securely store legally possessed weapons at the University Police Department and request return of such item(s) upon exiting University property. The Director of Public Safety shall establish a procedure that is consistent with this policy and the provisions of Act 2013-283 to accept, receipt, store, and safely return such weapons to the owner.

Individuals who need to use weapons for display, instruction, classroom activities, or other appropriate purposes must first receive approval **in advance** of the activity from the Director of Public Safety. The request for approval must be provided to the Director of Public Safety, in writing , 48 hours in advance of the activity and must document the responsible person, his or her contact information, intended purpose, rationale, safety precautions, location of activity, date, and time of activity. Approval will be granted in writing by the Director of Public Safety.

### **RESPONSIBILITY**

The Chief of Program Operations is responsible for this policy.

### **EVALUATION**

This policy will be reviewed at least every five years or as necessary to comply with changes in the law.