

3357:13-18-26 Firearms Policy (Open Carry/Concealed Carry)

- (A) Pursuant to Chapter 2923 of the Ohio Revised Code and the definitions contained therein, and consistent with College policy, except as set forth herein and otherwise by applicable law, concealed handguns, deadly weapons, firearms, handguns, explosive devices, incendiary devices, dangerous ordinance, fireworks, weapons or hazardous materials are not permitted on College-owned or controlled property.
- (B) Carrying a concealed handgun is not permitted on College-owned or controlled property. Carrying a concealed handgun, deadly weapons, firearms, handguns, explosive devices, incendiary devices, dangerous ordinance, firearms, fireworks, weapons or hazardous materials may constitute a crime.
- (C) Pursuant to and consistent with Ohio law, firearms transported in lawfully parked vehicles by holders of concealed carry permits may not be removed from the vehicle. Firearms kept in lawfully parked vehicles while the licensee is not present must be locked within the trunk, glove box or other enclosed compartment or container within the vehicle in accordance with Section 2923.1210 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (D) Open-carry by individuals who are not North Central State College students, faculty or staff are allowed in spaces permitted by local, state and federal laws as well as College policies as long as they are not acting in a manner that is in violation of Ohio Law. These spaces would include outdoor public spaces such as campus sidewalks, roadways, greenspaces, etc.
- (E) Individuals open-carrying or displaying firearms in legal public spaces are allowed by law, regardless of how this conduct is perceived by others. To be in violation of the law, individuals carrying or displaying firearms must be determined to be involved in illegal behavior as defined by the Ohio Revised Code, including but not limited to assaultive or threatening behavior. In addition, individuals cannot be under the influence of any alcohol or drug of abuse while carrying or displaying firearms in accordance with Section 2923.15 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (F) Members of the College community who see individuals displaying firearms on College campus/property are encouraged to report it to campus police/security and provide the following:
 - (1) Name (individual filing report)
 - (2) Location (be specific)
 - (3) Description of person(s) involved (be specific)
- (G) The following exceptions to the firearm prohibition may apply:
 - (1) Law enforcement personnel: on-duty law enforcement officers, duly authorized by the appropriate jurisdiction, are exempt from this policy.

- (2) Criminal Justice Program and Police Academy instructors for educational and training purposes. Such possession must be supervised by authorized personnel and strictly limited to designated areas and scheduled times.
 - (3) Off-duty, sworn law enforcement officers employed by state, local and federal agencies within the State of Ohio, and who are following all applicable legal requirements, are permitted to carry a concealed firearm on all College property.
 - (4) Retired, qualified law enforcement officers who separated from service in good standing from service with a public agency as a law enforcement officer. The Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 (LEOSA), as amended and codified at 18 U.S.C. 926C and who meet all additional LEOSA criteria are permitted to carry a concealed firearm on all college property.
- (H) Anyone found in violation of this policy may be subject to arrest, criminal prosecution and/or disciplinary action by the College, as appropriate.
- (I) Additional information regarding the state's concealed carry law can be found at the website of the Ohio Attorney General at www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov

Effective: November 28, 2023

Next Review: November 1, 2028

Review dates: 11/28/23