

1 **POLICY STATEMENT 66** 2 3 POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND OTHER DANGEROUS WEAPONS WITHIN LSU EUNICE FACILITIES AND PREMISES 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 **POLICY DIGEST** Primary Monitoring Unit: LSU Eunice Police and Campus Security Secondary Monitoring Unit: Student Affairs Initially Issued: September 7, 1999 Last Revised: June 4, 2022 I. PURPOSE 14 15 To state the policy of LSU Eunice regarding the possession of firearms and dangerous weapons within its facilities and premises and the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 14:95.2 16 17 (Carrying a firearm by a student or non-student on school property or firearm-free zone) and 14:95.6 (Firearm-free zone; notice; signs; crime; penalties). 18 II. DEFINITIONS 19 20 Firearms. Any rifle, shotgun, pistol or revolver or any other firearm from which a shot or shots 21 are discharged by an explosive. 22 23 Dangerous Weapons. Any gas, liquid or other substance or instrumentality, which, in the manner used, is calculated or likely to produce death or great bodily harm. 24 25 26 Facilities and Premises. Real property and immovable property under the authority and control 27 of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University. 28 29 Firearm-free zone. A "firearm-free zone" is an area inclusive of any school campus and within one thousand feet of any such school campus, and within a school bus, wherein the possession 30 31 of firearms is prohibited, except as specifically set forth in Subsection B of this Section and Louisiana R.S. 14:95.2(C). 32 III. POLICY 33 34 LSU Eunice enforces all provisions of the state Criminal Code including those prohibiting possession of firearms within a firearms free zone as provided at Louisiana R.S. 14:95.2. 35 36 A. As it relates to universities, Louisiana R.S. 14:95.2 prohibits the carrying of a firearm by 37 a student or nonstudent on university property and is defined as the intentional possession of any firearm on one's person, on a university campus, within one thousand 38 39 feet of a university campus or on a school bus. The penalty upon conviction is 40 imprisonment at hard labor for not more than five years.

41 B. The statute does not apply to:

- 1. A federal law enforcement officer or a Louisiana-commissioned state or local Post Certified law enforcement officer who is authorized to carry a firearm.
- 2. A school official or employee acting during the normal course of his employment or a student acting under the direction of such school official or employee.
 - 3. Any person having the written permission of LSU Eunice Police and Campus Security or as provided in Louisiana R.S. 17:3361.1.
 - 4. The possession of a firearm occurring within one thousand feet of school property and entirely on private property, or entirely within a private residence.
 - 5. Any constitutionally protected activity which cannot be regulated by the state, such as a firearm contained entirely within a motor vehicle.
 - 6. Any student carrying a firearm to or from a class, in which he is duly enrolled, that requires the use of the firearm in the class.
 - 7. A student enrolled or participating in an activity requiring the use of a firearm including but not limited to any ROTC function under the authorization of a university.
 - 8. A student who possesses a firearm in his dormitory room or while going to or from his vehicle or any other person with permission of the administration.
 - 9. Any person who has a valid concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to <u>Louisiana</u> <u>R.S. 40:1379.1 or 1379.3</u> and who carries a concealed handgun within one thousand feet of any school campus.

If on private property or within a private residence within one thousand feet of university property; however, LSU Eunice prohibits the possession of firearms or other dangerous weapons within the campus residences of its employees living on the campus without prior written petition to and approval granted by LSU Eunice Police and Campus Security.

- C. In addition to such criminal penalties as may be imposed, the unlawful use, possession or carrying of a firearm or dangerous weapon within LSU Eunice facilities and premises by an employee shall be cause for termination of employment.
- D. Further, otherwise legal possession or use of a firearm by an employee or a student in a manner which reasonably endangers the safety of others shall be cause for disciplinary action by LSU Eunice.
- E. In accordance with <u>Louisiana R.S. 40:1379.3</u>, no concealed handgun may be carried into and no concealed handgun permit issued shall authorize or entitle a permittee to carry a concealed handgun in any school campus or school bus as defined in <u>Louisiana R.S.14:95.6</u>.
- F. LSU Eunice Police and Campus Security is responsible for the review and administration of this policy.

78 IV. SOURCES

- 79 LSU Policy Statement 96, dated November 1, 1994
- 80 <u>Louisiana Revised Statute 14:95.2</u> (Carrying a firearm by a student or non-student on school
- 81 property or firearm-free zone);
- 82 <u>Louisiana Revised Statute 14:95.6d</u> (Firearm-free zone; notice; signs; crime; penalties)
- 83 <u>Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1379.3</u> (Statewide permits for concealed handguns; application
- 84 procedures; definitions)