

TBR GUIDE TO GUN LAWS ON CAMPUS

PERSON IN POSSESSION***	CRIME****	POLICY VIOLATION	ACTION
Anyone with firearm in hand or otherwise visible to ordinary observation, in or out of vehicle, anywhere on campus.	YES TCA §39-17-1309(b)(1)	YES TCA §39-17-1359	ARREST POSSIBLE* . Report any action taken with respect to employee or student to appropriate campus office.
Registered, full-time employee of institution with valid handgun carry permit, carrying concealed handgun	NO TCA § 39-17-1309(e)(9)	NO TBR Policy 7.01.00.00	*Confirm registration of employee and possession of valid handgun carry permit.
Anyone, except a registered, full-time employee with a handgun carry permit, carrying concealed handgun or other firearm	YES TCA § 39-17-1309(e)(9)	YES TBR Policy 7.01.00.00	ARREST POSSIBLE* . Report any action taken with respect to employee or student to appropriate campus office.
Student without carry permit, gun in vehicle.	YES TCA §39-17-1309(b)(1)	YES TBR Policy 3.02.00.01, II.D.8.	ARREST POSSIBLE* . Report any action taken to appropriate campus office.
Employee with carry permit, gun secured in vehicle, out of sight. Vehicle is properly using parking area.	NO TCA §39-17-1313	NO TCA §49-7-163	Confirm valid handgun carry permit
Student with carry permit, gun secured in vehicle, out of sight. Vehicle is properly parked.	NO TCA §39-17-1313	NO TCA §49-7-163	Confirm valid handgun carry permit.
Non-student adult without carry permit, gun contained in private vehicle, in or out of sight. Gun may NOT be handled.	NO TCA §39-17-1309(c)(1)	NO** TBR Policy 7.01.00.00, III.B	Allow gun to remain in private vehicle without being handled.
Non-student adult picking up or dropping off passengers only. Gun may not be removed or utilized.	NO TCA §39-17-1310(4)	NO** TBR Policy 7.01.00.00, III.B	Allow to pick up and drop off passengers.
Person possessing guns or knives when conducting or attending "gun and knife shows" approved by the President/Director	NO TCA §39-17-1310(3)	NO	Confirm the approved "gun and knife show".

Student or employee possessing weapon used solely for instructional or school-sanctioned ceremonial purposes	NO TCA §39-17-1309(b)(1)	NO Exception-Campus policy may prohibit such weapons in residence halls	Confirm the instructional or ceremonial purpose.
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***The officer has the discretion to make an arrest consistent with their training and Standard Operating Procedures. If there is not campus law enforcement with police powers, local law enforcement may be contacted.** If action is taken with respect to an employee or student, the matter should also be reported to the appropriate campus office.

** Campus should be posted in accordance with TCA §39-17-1309 and TCA §39-17-1359.

*** Active-duty POST-certified law enforcement officers, on or off duty, may carry firearms at all times and places. Law enforcement officers include a sheriff, who is POST-certified, or a deputy sheriff who is employed by a county as a court officer or corrections officer, as authorized in writing by the sheriff. TCA § 39-17-1350.

****Campus law enforcement officers may use this as a guide but because it is only a summary, they should review and base their decisions on the Tennessee Code.

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