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**Purpose/Principle/Definitions:**

**Blue Mountain Community College prohibits employees from carrying concealed or visible weapons while on campus.** No person who is not specifically exempted from this policy shall bring, possess, conceal or use a weapon on or at district property, activities under the jurisdiction of the College or interscholastic activities administered by a voluntary organization approved by the State Board of Education.

Replicas of weapons are also prohibited on district property and activities under the jurisdiction of the College.

The following persons are exempt from this policy:

1. Peace officers, on or off-duty, as defined under Section 161.015(4) of the Oregon Revised Statutes.
2. Persons who are actively participating in an event or program at the college that requires the possession of firearms and who have obtained permission in advance from the College president or designee to bring firearms onto district property.
3. Holder of concealed weapons permits\*.

The possession of non-lethal personal defense devices such as personal alarms, pepper spray canisters, and mini-batons by any person is permitted so long as Oregon law would not prohibit possession of these devices by that person while in a public place. Display or use of these devices is limited to circumstances where they are immediately necessary

for personal defense. Any use or display must be immediately reported to the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction at that location and to the College President's office.

**For purposes of this policy, and as defined by state and federal law, weapons include:**

1. "Dangerous weapon" means any weapon, device, instrument, material or substance, which under the circumstances in which it is used, attempted to be used or threatened to be used is readily capable of causing death or serious physical injury;
2. "Deadly weapon" - any instrument, article or substance specifically designed for and presently capable of causing death or serious injury;
3. "Firearm" - any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, or compressed gas, the frame or receiver of any such weapon, any firearm silencer or any other destructive device including any explosive, incendiary or poisonous gas.

Weapons may include, but not be limited to, knives, Tasers, stun guns, metal knuckles, straight razors, explosives, noxious, irritating or poisonous gases, poisons, drugs or other items fashioned with the intent to use, sell, harm, threaten or harass students, staff members or patrons. Knives may be carried so long as both the design of the knife and the method of carry are such that the knife is clearly intended as a tool, and not a weapon.

Prohibited weapons or replicas of weapons as prohibited by this policy are subject to seizure or forfeiture.

Appropriate disciplinary and/or legal action will be taken against persons who possess weapons without permission of the President or designee and against persons who assist possession in any way.

The President or designee may authorize other persons to possess weapons for courses, programs and activities approved by the district and conducted on district property. The President or designee may prescribe special conditions or procedures to be followed before giving such authorization.

\*In accordance with BMCC Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct, students are prohibited from possessing or using firearms, explosives, dangerous chemicals, substances, or instruments or other weapons which can be used to inflict bodily harm on any individual or damage upon a building or grounds of the College, regardless of whether they are the holder of a concealed weapons permit.