POLICY

All members of the College community, as well as visitors, are prohibited from possessing firearms on the premises of the College, including inside company owned or person vehicles, regardless of whether a federal or state license to possess the same has been issued to the possessor, unless the possessor qualifies under one or more of the following exceptions:

1. federal, state, and local law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties; or
2. security personnel authorized by the NMSU Chief of Police or designee;
3. members of the Florida Institute of Technology Department of Security who are required to carry a weapon in accordance with departmental policy;
4. a person conducting or participating in a college-approved program, class or other activity involving the carrying of a Firearm with prior written approval by NMSU or Florida Institute of Technology and the College; or
5. members of the armed services performing official duties as defined by law, regulation, or lawful order.

Whoever commits unlawful carrying of a firearm on the College campus is subject to disciplinary action including filing of a criminal complaint through federal, state, and/or local law enforcement.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL(S):
Assistant Vice President of Administration

DEFINITIONS:
Firearm: Any device (including a starter gun) that shoots a bullet, pellet, flare, tranquilizer, spear dart, or other projectile, whether loaded or unloaded, including those powered by CO2, the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; any destructive device; or any machine gun. This includes but is not limited to guns, air guns, dart guns, pistols, revolvers, rifles, shotguns, cannons, plastic firearms made with 3D printers or copying technology, and any ammunition for such device.

PROCEDURES:
1. The College shall conspicuously post notices on the College premises that state it is unlawful to carry a firearm on College premises.
2. This policy shall be reviewed annually to ensure compliance with NMSU and Florida Institute of Technology policy and referenced in the Annual Safety and Security Report.

CROSS-REFERENCES: