FIREARMS AND WEAPONS POLICY

The possession, carrying and/or use of weapons, firearms, or explosives is prohibited on CST Property for any reason. The only exception to this policy is for authorized law enforcement officers, or others who must do so as a condition of their employment which has been specifically pre-approved and authorized by the School in writing.

Persons who must carry weapons as a condition of their employment are authorized to carry weapons only when on-duty on CST campus and only use it in conjunction with their license/CST requirements. Persons who are not on-duty, or any other person, who maintain a concealed weapons permit or license are not authorized to carry a weapon or firearm on CST campus or other CST Property. Possession, use or transportation of firearms, weapons or explosives are prohibited on the property of the School. According to the California Penal Code, Section 626.9(h), any person who brings or possesses a loaded firearm upon the grounds of, or within, a private college institution is guilty of a felony which is punishable by imprisonment for a minimum of 16 months.

The City of Claremont, as well as CST, prohibits bringing or using firecrackers, fireworks, rockets or other explosives of any kind onto CST campus, including outdoor spaces, or into buildings. This includes combustibles in containers such as gasoline cans. Also, gasoline-powered scooters and motorcycles cannot be stored indoors within CST housing buildings (see Vehicle Policy for vehicle storage).

Other items that are prohibited on CST campus are:

- Illegal knives, switchblades and other blades longer than 2 ½ inches in length.
  - Note: fixed blade knives longer than 2 ½ inches are permissible only for lawful use in food preparation or consumption.
- Collectible and/or inoperable firearms
- Bladed weapons and sporting blades (e.g. machetes, swords, daggers, spears, arrows, etc.)
- BB guns, pellet rifles, slingshot, air gun, airsoft gun and other weapons that propel projectiles

CST will uphold all federal, state and municipal laws regarding restricted firearms, weapons and explosives.

Sikh Kirpans are permitted on CST campus as a religious exemption under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA).

Any questions about whether an item is covered by this policy should be directed to the Vice President for Academic Affairs prior to bringing it onto CST Property.

Enforcement/Consequence
CST reserves the right at any time and at its discretion to search all CST Property, all Company-owned or leased vehicles and all vehicles, packages, containers briefcases, purses, lockers, desks, enclosures and persons entering its Property, for the purpose of determining whether any weapon has been brought onto its property or premises in violation of this policy. Persons who fail or refuse to promptly permit a search under this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.
If a person becomes aware of anyone violating this policy, he/she should report it immediately to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Violation of this policy by any member of the community may result in confiscation of the firearm/weapon/explosive by a School official or law enforcement officer. Individuals are liable for failure to comply with all School policies and lawful directions issued by official representatives of the School acting in their official capacities or by a law enforcement officer and may be subject to disciplinary action and a person who violates this policy may be considered in criminal trespass and be removed from CST Property.

**Disclaimer:** CST reserves the right to amend weapons policy with Board approval at any time. The list of items above is not meant to be exclusive.