

## MANUAL OF POLICY

**POLICY NUMBER:** I-11

**POLICY TITLE:** Prohibition of Weapons on Campus

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** FLORIDA STATUTES 1001.64, 790.001; 790.052, 790.06(12);

790.115; 790.25 and 790.251; STATE BOARD OF

EDUCATION RULE 6A-14.0261

**DATE OF LAST REVIEW:** 3/28/2022

In accordance with its public safety commitment, R. A. Thomas Educational Center prohibits the possession of weapons, including but not limited to firearms and knives.

- 1. No person, other than a law enforcement officer, shall possess or bring a firearm, firework, explosive, or any other weapon that may cause bodily harm on property owned or controlled by the School, except for a common pocket knife with a blade length of no more than three (3) inches, except as provided in Section 790.25(5), Florida Statutes.
- 2. Definitions. The following terms have the following meanings when used in this rule:
  - A. All references to firearms, fireworks, explosives, and weapons must have the same meanings as set forth in Section 790.001 of the Florida Statutes (F.S.).
  - B. A "Person" may be a student, instructor, staff member, visitor, or guest, as well as an employee or agent of a School contractor or subcontractor.
- 3. Any of the following may be taken as a result of a violation of this policy:
  - A. Disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment, for workers.
  - B. Expulsion or suspension, for students;
  - C. Suspension, expulsion, or arrest, as administrative action, for visitors to the School.

