

WEAPONS-FREE NOTICE

The State of Wisconsin enacted a law permitting the carrying of concealed weapons by specially licensed owners. This law, known generally as the "concealed carry law", became effective November 1, 2011.

The concealed carry law prohibits carrying of a firearm or other weapon on school premises. It is a felony for a person to knowingly possess a firearm (concealed or otherwise) on school grounds. In addition, firearms may not be possessed within 1,000 feet of school grounds. There are exceptions to the restrictions on possessing firearms on or near school grounds. It is lawful to possess a firearm as follows:

- 1. On private property that is not part of school grounds.
- 2. The firearm is unloaded and is encased or in a locked firearms rack that is on a motor vehicle, even if the vehicle is on or within 1,000 feet of school grounds.
- 3. For use in a program approved by a school in the school zone.
- 4. By a law enforcement officer acting in his or her official capacity.
- 5. In accordance with a contract entered into between a school and an individual or between a school and an employer of the individual.

For a summary of the law and a complete listing of the exceptions, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) published by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, especially pages 36-38. (www.doj.state.wi.us/dles/cib/ConcealedCarry/ccw-faq-20111020.pdf)

Schools are not required to post notices to obtain the benefits of the concealed carry law restrictions. Regardless of whether a person has a permit to carry a concealed weapon and regardless of whether the property is posted, persons may not carry a concealed weapon in or on the grounds of a school. Nevertheless, Regis Catholic Schools is continuing to review this matter and whether to post notices on school property.

While we live in a world that necessitates addressing issues such as weapons and safety, we ask everyone to continue to live by and promote the Regis Catholic Schools Core Values of Living Faith, Accepting Responsibility, Promoting Teamwork, Achieving Excellence, and Inspiring Leadership.

Sincerely,

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