

# Saint Thomas Church and Choir School

## WEAPONS POLICY

Saint Thomas Church and Choir School (STCCS) strictly prohibits the possession of Weapons of any type, concealed or otherwise, indoors and outdoors at all STCCS-owned properties.

This prohibition does not apply to firearms carried by: (a) STCCS security personnel who have appropriate licenses and are authorized by STCCS to carry firearms, and (b) sworn federal, state, or local law enforcement officers of the jurisdiction in which the property is located who are legally authorized to carry firearms in that jurisdiction, and are on STCCS property in the course of their official duties at the request of STCCS. Law enforcement officers bringing firearms onto STCCS premises must carry valid identification that establishes their law enforcement status. Only uniformed officers shall be permitted to openly carry firearms on STCCS-owned properties.

Individuals carrying Weapons will not be permitted to enter the premises. STCCS will not provide storage for Weapons.

Any exception to this policy must be approved by STCCS's Chief Operating Officer (the "COO") in writing in advance and such writing must be carried by the individual along with valid identification.

Signs announcing this policy shall be posted at all STCCS locations with a QR or similar electronic link to the full policy.

As used in this policy, "Weapons" include instruments used to inflict physical harm, that are intended to inflict harm, or that could reasonably cause fear of infliction of harm including imitations, and any item that may be deemed weapons under applicable law, including but not limited to: a pistol, revolver, shotgun, rifle, firearm, stun gun, BB or pellet gun, taser, electric dart gun, and other instrument that launches a projectile by pressure resulting from combustion of propellant material, including a weapon related to or using chemicals, air, sound, flare, or springs; bombs, grenades, mines, explosives, or incendiary devices (which can include "ignition devices" and aerosols); a dagger, stiletto, sword, switchblade knife, gravity knife, and knife having a blade exceeding four inches in length; a billy club, blackjack, bludgeon, plastic knuckle, metal knuckle, chuka stick, sand bag, sandclub, wrist-brace type slingshot or slungshot, or shirken; and including parts, components, spare parts, or ammunition relating to the above. A disarmed weapon is a Weapon.

This list is illustrative and not exhaustive.

*Approved by the Vestry 12/14/22*