

Title : Interference with or Disruption of Education
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Eastern Arizona College (EAC or the College) is dedicated to providing education to everyone who can benefit from additional learning opportunities. The College has a responsibility to maintain public order so that individual rights to benefit from its programs and facilities will not be impaired.

A person commits interference with or disruption of education at the College or at any other location owned, leased, rented, or controlled by the College, by doing any of the following:

1. Causing, or in reckless disregard of causing, interference with or disruption of the normal operations of the College, threatening to cause physical injury to any employee of the College or any person attending EAC.
2. Causing, or in reckless disregard of causing, interference with or disruption of the normal operations of the College, threatening to cause damage to the College, the property of an employee of the College or any person attending EAC.
3. Knowingly going on or remaining on property owned, leased, rented, or controlled by the College for the purpose of interfering with or disrupting the lawful use of the property or in any manner as to deny or interfere with the lawful use of the property by others.
4. Knowingly refusing to obey a lawful order given pursuant to ARS §13-2911(C).
5. Bringing onto campus, or possessing on campus any: (a) deadly weapon, (b) firearm (loaded or unloaded), (c) explosive, (d) nunchuaka, (e) breakable container containing flammable liquid with a flash point of one hundred fifty degrees Fahrenheit or less and has a wick or similar device capable of being ignited, or (f) any combination of parts or materials designed and intended for use in making or converting a device into any item set forth in subdivisions (c) or (e) of this paragraph. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to Police Officers, certified and commissioned in the State of Arizona, or to weapons, and/or chemicals possessed and used as part of a course of instruction at the College, or for weapons used for lawful exhibition or demonstration approved by the College President or the President's designee.

For purposes of this policy, "interference with or disruption of" includes causing an employee of the College to take any action to protect the College or the employees, students, or property of EAC.

Campus Police Department shall have the primary charge to maintain public order and the peaceful conduct of education upon all College property, assisted, when appropriate, by local law enforcement personnel.

Penalties for interference with or disruption of education upon College property shall include all appropriate legal remedies including, but not limited to: (a) the criminal penalties specified by ARS §13-2911, (b) the offender being required to leave College property, and (c) in the case of a student, faculty member or other staff violator, suspension, expulsion, or other appropriate disciplinary action. In addition, any deadly weapon, dangerous instrument, or explosive that is used, displayed, or possessed by a person in violation of this policy shall be forfeited or otherwise disposed in accordance with ARS §13-2911(D).

