



Under 21 Handgun Policy

We have been advised by the BATF that working on a handgun “on the bench for educational purposes” does not constitute possession. Our students usually live within a mile or two of PGS, and exercise extreme caution when transporting the (unloaded) firearms on which they are working, no matter their age or circumstance.

Below is information from our **student handbook** that is distributed on the first day of school; we’ll be glad to answer any questions you might have about this topic.

As you can see, it is permissible for a student (under age 21) to work on a handgun brought in from the outside if it belongs to the parent, grandparent or spouse. Also, one could work on another student’s handgun for a project as long as the handgun does not leave the school building in their possession (see below).

If you do not work on a handgun while at PGS, this will not negatively impact your education. So, please do not over emphasize this type of firearm as part of your educational process; you will learn skillsets you can transfer to handgun projects once you are graduated, are 21 and have access to them.

PGS Admissions Staff

HANDGUN LAWS FOR STUDENTS UNDER AGE 21

A handgun may not be purchased or transferred from a dealer to a person under 21. Similarly, a dealer cannot release control or possession of the handgun to an individual under 21. However, individuals between the ages of 18 and 21 may possess a handgun and bring it into the school to work on if the student’s parent, grandparent or spouse gave it to them to work on. It would be wise to have the parent, grandparent or spouse give the student permission in writing in case it is ever questioned. If the student is not from Pennsylvania, it would be wise not to bring the handgun to school to work on at all because the gun will be crossing state lines and may be in violation of that state’s regulations. PGS will not accept handguns in the mail from a dealer and simply give it to a student to work on since a transfer will be necessary. Students under 21 that are having a difficult time with this law may work on another student’s handgun for a project as long as the handgun does not leave the school building in their possession. Due to the serious nature of the firearms laws, PGS will strictly enforce all regulations.