



BP 3910 Speech: Time, Place, and Manner

References:

Education Code Sections 66301 and 76120

Introduction:

The Santa Clarita Community College District values the free exchange of ideas and expressive activity on college premises, and wishes to foster and protect the rights of all persons, including employees and students, to exercise their constitutional rights protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 2 of the California Constitution. The District reserves the right to enact regulations setting forth areas that may be used for speech and expressive activity and any reasonable regulations related thereto, limit the use of its facilities for the exercise of free speech and free expression, and to accommodate such speech and expression in facilities maintained or owned by the District.

1. Students, faculty members, classified employees, and the public may freely express themselves on District property, subject to the requirements of this policy and its corresponding administrative procedure.
2. The college(s) of the District have areas that are designated public forums available for the exercise of expression by students, employees, and members of the public. The CEO shall enact such administrative procedures as are necessary to reasonably regulate the time, place, and manner of the exercise of free expression in the designated public forums.
3. The CEO shall enact such administrative procedures as are necessary to reasonably regulate the time, place, and manner of the exercise of free expression in the Designated Public Forums in a manner consistent with the letter and spirit of this policy. The District will apply all limits on speech and expression permitted by this policy and the corresponding administrative procedures equitably, fairly, and in a content neutral manner.
4. Speech and expression that the law has deemed to be outside the protection of the United States Constitution or the California Constitution is not protected by this policy or its corresponding administrative procedures.

5. Nothing in this policy shall prohibit the regulation of hate violence directed at students, staff, or visitors in a manner that denies their full participation in the educational process (Education Code Section 66301 subdivision (e)), so long as the regulation conforms to the requirements of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and of Section 2 of Article 1 of the California Constitution. Students and staff may be disciplined for harassment, threats, or intimidation, as those terms are defined and use by District policy or procedure, unless such speech is constitutionally protected.

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