

The students of the district shall be permitted to exercise their rights of free expression subject to the time, place and manner policies and procedures contained in Board Policy 5550 and these procedures.

Freedom of speech and the distribution of literature on campus shall be permitted as long as the distributors do not touch, strike, obstruct free passage, or force passersby to take material, except for incidental or accidental contact, or contact initiated by a passerby.

Persons exercising the right of free speech on campus shall not use any means of amplification that creates a noise or diversion that disturbs or tends to disturb the orderly conduct of the campus or classes taking place at that time. Free-speech activities must not exceed a volume of 65 decibels at a distance of 50 feet.

No persons exercising free speech on campus shall solicit donations of money, through direct requests for funds, sales of tickets, or otherwise, except where he or she is doing so on behalf of and collecting funds for an organization that is registered with the Secretary of State as a nonprofit corporation or is an approved Associated Student Government organization or club.

All persons exercising free speech on campus shall be allowed to distribute petitions, circulars, leaflets, newspapers, and other printed matter. Material distributed in the areas generally available to students and the community that is discarded or dropped in or around the areas generally available to students and the community other than in an appropriate receptacle must be retrieved and removed or properly discarded prior to their departure by those persons distributing the material.

Posting

Students shall be provided bulletin boards for use in posting student materials at campus locations convenient for student use. Students or non-students wishing to post materials on campus must provide the materials to the Office of Student Activities for posting. Materials will be posted unless they advocate the overthrow of the government or advertise illegal activity or substances. Specifically, posted materials may not advocate hate crimes that are illegal under California or federal law. All materials displayed on a bulletin board shall clearly indicate the author or agency responsible for its production and shall be dated with the date of posting by the Student Activities Office. Materials displayed shall be removed after the passage of fourteen (14) calendar days.

Students and non-students who post advertisements on automobiles in college parking areas may be subject to paying costs of litter removal associated with the posting of such materials.

The Student Activities Director or designee, in consultation with faculty and staff, will be responsible for developing procedures for free speech and distribution of literature on campus. Persons wishing to appeal decisions made regarding free speech and distribution of literature may contact the Vice President, Student Services.