Speech: Time, Place and Manner

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The District is committed to providing its students and the community at large the ability to exercise their rights of free expression subject to the time, place and manner contained in Board Policy 3900 and this procedure.

District’s sites are non-public forums except for the areas that are defined as limited public forums. These limited public forums are available to students and the community and include all outdoor areas that are outside 30’ of any building or similar structure. The District reserves the right to revoke the limited public forum designation and apply a non-public forum designation based not on speech content but on previously scheduled, dedicated use of a particular space that has been reserved for District-related functions.

The use of the limited public forums is subject to the following:

No person using the limited public forum for expressive activities shall disrupt the orderly operation of the District.

No person using the limited public forums shall touch, strike or physically impede the progress of passersby, except for incidental or accidental contact, or contact initiated by a passerby.

Persons using the limited public forums shall not use any means of amplification that creates a noise or diversion that disturbs the orderly conduct of the campus or classes taking place at that time.

No persons using the limited public forums shall solicit donations of money, through direct requests for funds, sales of tickets or otherwise, except where he or she is using the limited public forums 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 Students Organization or club.
All persons using the limited public forums shall be allowed to distribute petitions, circulars, leaflets, newspapers, and other printed matter. Such distribution shall take place only within the limited public forums and no person shall force a passerby to take materials. Material distributed in the limited public forums that is discarded or dropped in or around the limited public forums other than in an appropriate receptacle must be retrieved and removed or properly discarded by those persons distributing the material prior to their departure from the limited public forums that day.

Posting: Students and the community at large shall be provided with bulletin boards for use in posting student materials at convenient campus locations.

See Board Policy 3900.