

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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POLICY: Students, employees, and members of the public shall be free to exercise their rights of free expression, and advocacy subject to the requirements of this policy.

Solano Community College is a non-public forum, except for those areas that are designated public forums available for the exercise of expression by students, employees, and members of the public. The Superintendent-President 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.

Solano Community College shall provide an area (“Hyde Park” location) where peaceful assembly may take place for the purpose of free expression and exchange of ideas by students and staff of the College.

Speech, with or without electronic amplification, shall not interfere with nor disrupt the orderly operation of the College including, but not limited to, classroom instruction, registration procedures, public programs, and athletic events.

The administrative procedures promulgated by the Superintendent-President shall not prohibit the right of students to exercise free expression, including but not limited to the use of bulletin boards, the distribution of printed materials or petitions in those parts of the college designated as areas generally available to students and the community, and the wearing of buttons, badges, or other insignia.

Speech shall be prohibited that is defamatory or obscene according to current legal standards; or which so incites others as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on District property or the violation of District policies, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the District.

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Nothing in this policy shall prohibit the regulation of hate violence directed at students in a manner that denies their full participation in the educational process (Education Code Section 66402(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 State Constitution. Students may be disciplined for harassment, threats, intimidation, unless such speech is constitutionally protected.

**REFERENCES/
AUTHORITY:**

Education Code Sections 66402(e), 66301, 76120

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