

**BOARD POLICY 3900 SPEECH: TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER**

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

In addition to the importance of academic freedom, the Board recognizes the constitutional right of free speech, and to that end, the Chancellor shall enact such administrative procedures as are necessary to reasonably regulate the time, place, and manner of the exercise of free expression on district property.

Speech shall be prohibited that is defamatory, obscene according to current legal standards, or which is designed to incite another to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on District property or the violation of District policies or administrative procedures, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the District.

The administrative procedures promulgated by the Chancellor 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 and the wearing of buttons, badges, or other insignia.

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 66301subvision (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 may be disciplined for harassment, threats, or intimidation unless such speech is constitutionally protected.

Reference:

Education Code Section 66301 and 76120

Administrative Procedure AP 3900 Speech: Time, Place, and Manner

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