

VICTOR VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

GENERAL INSTITUTION

Chapter 3

Speech: Time, Place, Manner

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Victor Valley Community College District (hereafter referred to as the “College District”) celebrates the right of free expression and believes that the ability to exchange, challenge and explore ideas is an important part of the College District’s educational mission. This administrative procedure reaffirms the right of free expression, clarifies the allocation of campus resources for purposes of expressive activities, and intends that these expressive activities on College District property shall occur in harmony with College District operations.

Students, faculty and staff are free to exercise their rights to assemble in limited public forums and engage in expressive activity in a constitutionally-protected manner subject only to the content-neutral regulations necessary to fulfill the mission and obligations of the College District, preserve the rights and safety of others, coordinate multiple uses of limited space, assure preservation of facilities and grounds, and assure financial accountability for any damage caused by these activities.

Limited public forums are designated areas generally available to students and members of the public, including common areas, walkways, and Free Speech Areas.

Non-public forums specifically include campus offices, classrooms, student support services buildings, warehouses, maintenance yards, athletic fields, locker rooms, and any other area dedicated to educational purposes. The College District reserves the right to apply a non-public forum designation.

The use of non-public forums is subject to the following:

- Persons using and/or distributing material in areas generally available to students and members of the public shall not impede the progress of passersby, nor shall they force passersby to engage or take material. They will be responsible for cleaning up any remaining materials, as well as those dropped or discarded in the vicinity of the distribution.
- No person using these areas shall not touch, strike, or impede the progress of passersby.
- Persons using these areas shall not use any means of amplification that creates a noise or diversion that disturbs or disrupts the orderly conduct of the campus or classes taking place at that time.
- No persons using these areas shall solicit donations of money, through direct requests for funds, sales of tickets or otherwise, except where he or she is using the areas generally available to students and members of the public with permission, and 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.

- To the extent that the college is committed to providing space, situations with specific specialized needs can be reviewed by the Dean of Student Services.

Displaying signs, gesturing, wearing symbolic clothing, or otherwise protesting silently are protected expressive activities unless the result is disruptive activity as defined by applicable law.

No illegal activities will be permitted, no activities that violate District or College rules, including rules and laws on illegal harassment and discrimination, and none that will substantially interfere with or disrupt activities already scheduled for that day and time in the designated areas, as described above.

Additional information about how to gain access to limited public forums and free speech areas is detailed in the College's Campus Use and Facilities guide, outlined in the College Catalog, Student Handbook, and available upon request from Auxiliary Services (located in the Student Activities Center).