

F.09.01 Protected Expression on Campus-Students' Rights and Responsibilities Policy

Responsible Department: VC Student Success

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It is the policy of the College District and State of Texas and the purpose of Section 51.9315 of the Texas Education Code to protect the expressive rights of persons guaranteed by the Constitutions of the United States.:

- (1) The Board recognizes that freedom of speech and assembly as central to the mission of institutions of higher education.
- (2) Generally, all persons may assemble peaceably on the campuses of the College District for expressive activities, including to listen to or observe the expressive activities of others.
- (3) The common outdoor areas of the College District's campuses are deemed traditional public forums; however, each campus may designate campus spaces as Limited Public Forums.
- (4) The College District shall permit any person to engage in expressive activities in the designated common outdoor areas of the College District's campuses freely as long as the person's conduct:
 - (a) is not unlawful;
 - (b) does not materially and substantially disrupt the functioning of an Alamo College; and
 - (c) conforms to reasonable college procedures regulating time, manner and place.

The Chancellor or designee shall develop procedures or guidelines to carry out this policy and present to the Board of Trustees for approval as required by Section 51.9315.

Legal References:

Tex. Educ. Code § 51.9315

TACC Policy Reference Manual: FLA (LEGAL)-Student Expression and Use of Facilities