

Glendale Community College District

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Board Policy

Freedom of Speech: Time, Place and Manner

The Glendale Community College District is committed to maintaining an educational environment that fosters the free exchange of thoughts and ideas. Consistent with constitutional guarantees and federal and state law, individuals and organizations may engage in free expression on college premises, consistent with Board policies and administrative regulations.

The facilities and grounds of the District are non-public forums, except for those areas designated by the Superintendent/President in consultation with the Campus Executive Committee as being generally available for use by students or the community. These areas shall be regarded as limited public forums which designation may be removed and reverted to non-public forum status if use as a limited public forum disrupts District business or instructional activities. The District shall adopt such administrative regulations as are necessary to reasonably regulate the time, place and manner of the exercise of free expression in the limited and non-public forum areas of the college.

Students shall be free to exercise their rights of free expression, subject to the requirements of this policy and adopted administrative regulations.

Speech shall be prohibited that is obscene, libelous or slanderous 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 procedures, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the District.

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit the regulation of hate violence, so long as the regulation conforms to the requirements of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and of Section 2 of Article I of the California Constitution. Students may be disciplined for harassment, threats, intimidation, or hate violence unless such speech is constitutionally protected.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed to supersede Board Policy 4030 (Academic Freedom) or Board Policy 6132 (Instruction Policy on Controversial Issues).

Reference:

- Education Code Section 76120
- GCC Administrative Regulation 5410

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