

# Policy and Procedure

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**Subject:** Free Speech Area

**Authorities:** Edwards vs. South Carolina, Brown vs. Louisiana, Adderly vs. Florida

**Purpose:** It is the purpose of this policy to establish an area on campus where groups may exercise their Constitutional right to free speech in a public manner without disrupting the education of students or the normal activities of the College.

**Policy:** Those wishing to express verbally and publicly their opinions, including those groups wishing to picket the College or an activity of the College, may use the area on the sidewalk on East side of the main entrance (Door One) and West of the other main entrance (Door Three) to the main campus building. The steps and handicapped ramps should be kept clear and entrance to the building not be impeded for students, employees, clients and visitors.

**Procedure:** Campus administration and public information will inform individuals or groups intending to engage in the types of activities mentioned above of the existence and location of the free speech area.

**Responsibilities:** Campus administration is responsible for insuring free access to the building by students and the public while also respecting the rights of individuals or groups to express their First Amendment rights.

**Dissemination:** routine

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