

**Board Policy 5550****Speech: Time, Place, and Manner**

El Camino College welcomes and supports the open and free exchange of ideas and philosophies in a civil and respectful manner consistent with constitutional principals rooted in the First Amendment. In order to maintain a reflective and productive academic and social environment, the Superintendent/President shall enact administrative procedures as are necessary to reasonably regulate the time, place and manner of the exercise of free expression in the limited public forums. While El Camino College is a non-public forum, Free Speech Areas have been designated as limited forums. The administrative procedures shall allow the right of students and non-students to exercise free expression including, but not limited to, the use of bulletin boards designated for such use.

The distribution of printed materials or petitions in those parts of the College designated as Free Speech Areas, and the wearing of buttons, badges, or other insignia shall be permitted on campus.

Equal access and equal opportunity shall be provided to all racial, religious, political, and social groups.

Prohibited speech on campus includes, but is not limited to, speech that is defamatory or obscene according to current legal standards, or which so incites others as to create a clear and present danger or the commission of unlawful acts on District property and/or the violation of District policies and procedures or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the District .

The regulation of hate speech is permissible so long as the regulation conforms to the requirements of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and of Section 2, Article 1 of the California Constitution. Students may be disciplined for harassment, threats, intimidation, or hate speech unless such speech is constitutionally protected.

**Reference:**

United States Constitution, Amendment 1  
California Constitution, Article 1, Section 2  
Education Code Section 76120

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