

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Reference: Education Code Section 76120

Southwestern Community College District (hereafter referred to as the District) is committed to providing a healthy, safe, and productive environment in which academic success and the pursuit of knowledge are priorities. The District recognizes that freedom of expression and public assembly are fundamental rights of all persons as stated in the Constitutions of the United States and the State of California and are essential components of this educational process.

The District shall adopt rules and regulations relating to the exercise of free expression by students, employees and visitors upon its premises, which shall include reasonable provisions for the time, place, and manner of conducting such activities. Such rules and regulations shall not prohibit the right of individuals to exercise free expression including, but not limited to, the use of bulletin boards, the distribution of printed materials or petitions, and the wearing of buttons, badges, or other insignia, except that expression which is obscene, libelous or slanderous according to current legal standards, or which so incites persons as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on District premises, or the violation of lawful District regulations, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the District, shall be prohibited.

See District Procedure No. 3900 "Freedom of Expression"