

## **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 students enrolled at and employees of the institution to engage in expressive activities in the designated common outdoor areas of the College District's campuses freely as long as the expressive activity:
  - (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 Board delegates to the Chancellor its authority under Section 51.9315 to designate the areas on District campuses that are public forums, after considering the recommendations of the college presidents, consistent with the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and Section 8, Article I, Texas Constitution.

The Chancellor or designee shall develop procedures or guidelines to carry out this policy and the requirements of Section 51.9315.

### *Legal References:*

*Tex. Educ. Code § 51.9315*

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