



**COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICIES**

**BP 3900 Speech: Time, Place and Manner**

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**References:**

Education Code Sections 76120, 666301

Students, employees, and members of the public shall be free to exercise their rights of free expression, subject to the requirements of this policy.

Compton Community College District is considered a non-public forum, except for those areas of the college that are designated as areas generally available for use by students or the community, which are designated public forums. The President/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or designee shall enact such administrative procedures as are necessary to reasonably regulate the time, place, and manner of the exercise of free expression in the designated public forums.

The administrative regulations promulgated by the President/CEO or designee shall not prohibit the right of students 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. Students shall be free to exercise their rights of free expression, subject to the requirements of this policy. (Education Code Section 76120).

Speech shall be prohibited that is defamatory, obscene 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. (Education Code Section 76120).

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit the regulation of hate violence directed at students in a manner that denies their full participation in the educational process (Education Code Section 66301(e)), so long as the regulation conforms to the requirements of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and of Section 2 of Article 1 of the California Constitution. "Hate violence" is defined in subdivision (a) of Section 4 of Chapter 1363 of the Statutes of 1992 (Senate Bill 1115) to mean any act of physical intimidation or physical harassment, physical force or physical violence, or the threat of physical force or physical violence, that is directed against any person or group of persons, or the property of any person or group of persons because of the ethnicity, race, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or political or religious beliefs of that person or group. Acts shall not be considered "hate violence" based on speech alone, except upon a showing that the speech itself threatens violence against a specific person or group of persons, that the person or group of persons against whom the threat is directed reasonably fears that the violence will be committed because of the speech, and that the person threatening violence had the apparent ability to carry out the threat. (Education

Code section 66301.) Students may be disciplined for harassment, threats, or intimidation unless such speech is constitutionally protected.

Non-students may obtain use of areas, classrooms, rooms, buildings, facilities, and grounds, not reserved and open for speech or expressive activities, pursuant to the Civic Center Permit rules set forth in Board Policy 6700, regarding “Civic Center and Other Facilities Use.”

Applicable Administrative Regulations and Procedures:

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