



COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

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

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1. **Scheduling Request:** Individuals or groups desiring to use the Free Speech Area(s) are to request use of the space by submitting a Facility Use Application to the Facilities Coordination Office. See AP 6701A, Civic Center and Other Facilities Use, for details.
  - A. Use of the space is assigned on a first, come first served basis with District-sponsored events having first priority on the use of campus grounds.
  - B. The District reserves the right to locate any assembly to ensure that the activity does not interfere with the normal District operations.
  - C. A request for use of the free speech area(s) may be denied if the President/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) determines that the proposed speech/activity will constitute a clear and present danger to the college's orderly operation.
2. **Time:** Any person or group desiring to exercise its right of free speech at the Compton Community College District may do so as follows:
  - A. The free speech area(s) is not reserved or scheduled for an official college activity.
  - B. Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
  - C. Use of the campus Free Speech Area(s) is limited to two hours per day by an individual or group during specified time period.
3. **Manner of Use**
  - A. Driving into the free speech area(s) is prohibited. A loading/unloading permit may be issued by the Campus Police allowing individuals to park up to 30 minutes in designated areas to load/unload supplies. A cart to transport supplies, can be provided by the Office of Student Development, to the Free Speech Area(s).
  - B. **Distribution and/or Display of Materials:** Persons using a Free Speech Area shall be allowed to distribute petitions, circulars, leaflets, newspapers, miscellaneous printed matter and other materials, subject to the following restrictions.
    - 1) Such distribution shall take place within the geographic limits of the Free Speech Area(s).
    - 2) Any material being distributed which is discarded or dropped in or around the Free Speech Area(s) other than in an appropriate receptacle must be retrieved



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and removed or properly discarded by those persons distributing the material prior to their departure from the Free Speech Area(s) that day.

- 3) Persons distributing material shall not impede the progress of passersby nor shall they force or coerce passersby into taking the proffered material.
- 4) Any containers or displays used to distribute material or display posters, photographs, drawings, etc. shall be kept out of walkways.

### 4. **Speech and Public Assembly Guidelines**

- A. **Speakers:** The Free Speech Area(s) is open to speakers for whom official arrangements to speak have been made with the college independent of the college's official position on an issue.
- B. **Right to Dissent:** The right to dissent complements the right of a speaker to speak. Such rights do not, however, need to occupy the same forum at the same time. A speaker is entitled to communicate his/her message to the audience during his/her allotted time. The audience is entitled to hear the speaker's message and see the speaker during that time. A dissenter must not substantially interfere with the speaker's ability to communicate or the audience's ability to hear and see the speaker. Simultaneously, the audience must respect the right to dissent.
- C. **Picketing and Distribution of Literature:** Picketing in an orderly manner or distributing literature within the Free Speech Area(s) is permissible with an appropriate Civic Center Permit. Picketing is not permitted inside buildings. Picketing may not be disruptive or impede access.
- D. **Symbolic Protest:** Displaying a sign, gesturing, wearing symbolic clothing, or otherwise protesting silently is permissible during a presentation unless it is a disruptive active, impedes access, blocks the audience's view, or prevents the audience from being able to pay attention.
- E. **Marches:** In order to ensure the safety of participants and bystanders, campus marches are acceptable with an appropriate Civic Center Permit. The permit is to identify expected attendance, and approved parade/march route. Permits should be requested at least two working days in advance of the event for campus marches.

### 5. **Conduct and Manner**

- A. Individuals who schedule speech or public activities on campus are shall not:
  - Threaten passersby.
  - Interfere with, impede, or cause blockage of the flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
  - Commit any act likely to create an imminent safety or health hazard.
  - Interfere with or disrupt any other lawful activity by anyone in the same general location at the same time.



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- Post materials on any walls, windows, doors, sidewalks, trees, light poles, etc., or on other District equipment except in designated posting areas.
  - Conduct speech that includes fighting words and hate speech, which are those words that by their very utterance tend to incite an immediate breach of the peace.
  - Engage in any other speech or action that is not allowed by law.
- B. Upon request of a college official or law enforcement official, any person on campus shall identify him/herself by presenting a student, faculty/staff identification card, driver's license or other appropriate form of government-issued identification as allowed by law.
- C. Individuals who damage or destroy District property shall be held responsible for such damage or destruction. District property includes buildings, grounds, landscape, and equipment.
- D. All applicable District and College regulations, municipal ordinances, and state and federal laws are to be followed when engaging in activities on campus. Failure to do so may result in immediate removal from the campus and other appropriate action by District officials and/or Campus Police.