

**SPEECH: TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER**

**BP No.  
3900**

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I. Introduction

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

II. Designated public forums

- A. The Rio Hondo Community College District has areas that are designated public forums available for the exercise of expression by students, employees, and members of the public. The District shall ensure that administrative procedures reasonably regulate the time, place, and manner of the exercise of free expression in the designated public forums.

III. Prohibitions

- A. The administrative procedures 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.
- B. 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.
- C. 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 subdivision (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. Students may be disciplined for harassment, threats, or intimidation, unless such speech is constitutionally protected.

IV. Sources/references

- A. Education Code Sections 66301 and 76120