

Student Services

1 **BP 5550 SPEECH: TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER**

2 **References:**

3 Education Code, Sections 66301 and 76120

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

6 The District has areas that are designated public forums available for the exercise of
7 expression by students, employees, and members of the public. The
8 President/Superintendent shall enact such administrative procedures as are necessary
9 to reasonably regulate the time, place, and manner of the exercise of free expression in
10 the designated public forums.

11 The administrative procedures promulgated by the President/Superintendent shall not
12 prohibit the right of students to exercise free expression, including but not limited to the
13 use of bulletin boards and posting areas, the distribution of printed materials or petitions,
14 and the wearing of buttons, badges, or other insignia.

15 The District's commitment to foster and protect the rights to free speech and expression
16 and to accommodate such on its property extends only to speech and expression
17 protected by the United States Constitution or the constitution of the State of California.
18 Conduct or expression which is unlawful, defamatory, or obscene, according to current
19 legal standards, or which so incites others as to create a clear and present danger of the
20 commission of unlawful acts on District property or the violation of Board policies or
21 administrative procedures, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the
22 College, is prohibited.

23 Nothing in this policy shall prohibit the regulation of hate violence, so long as the
24 regulation conforms to the requirements of the First Amendment to the United States
25 Constitution, and of Section 2 of Article 1 of the California Constitution. Students,
26 employees, and members of the public may be disciplined and/or held criminally or
27 otherwise legally liable for harassment, threats, or intimidation unless such speech is
28 constitutionally protected.

29 Office of Primary Responsibility: Vice President, Student Services

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