

# **SOUTH MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

## **GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION ON CAMPUS**

South Mountain Community College (SMCC) recognizes and supports the rights of students, employees, and visitors to speak in public and to demonstrate in a lawful manner in designated areas of the campus and at designated times. In order to maintain safety, security, and order, to ensure the orderly scheduling of campus facilities, and to preclude conflicts with academic and co-curricular activities, SMCC reserves the reasonable right to limit such activities by the following regulations regarding time, place and manner of such activities.

**TIME:** The time designated for public expression on campus is between 9:45 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, subject to summer and holiday college closures.

**PLACE:** The walkway in front of the LRC Patio is designated as the college's open forum space for the purposes of speakers, sponsored and un-sponsored, in order to avoid unreasonable conflict with the normal functions and requirements of the College and to assure that the flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic will not be impeded.

**MANNER:** Demonstrations, speeches, displays, and debates may be held only in the above specified areas. Authorization is granted based on space availability through the Office of Student Life and Leadership. Notice must be received no less than 72 hours in advance of the activity. The use of amplification equipment is not prohibited but will be monitored as to not disturb or negatively impact the learning environment or offend people between 11:00 AM and 2:00 AM.

Public expression activities must not violate the College's harassment policies or any other College policies. Public expression cannot jeopardize public or individual safety. The College reserves the right to relocate or suspend any assembly that violates College or District policy or regulation. The College recognizes that individuals or groups may be opposed to certain acts of public expression. Disagreement with different opinions is acceptable; however, hindering or obstructing such activity compromises the College's goal of creating an environment where issues can be openly discussed. An individual or group wishing to protest at an event may do so as long as the protest is held in accord with the "time, place, and manner" guidelines detailed above and the speaker's ability to speak and the audience's right to see and to hear a speaker are not unreasonably impeded.

The Vice President of Student Affairs or his/her designee will be responsible for administering this policy. SMCC students who violate this policy are subject to judicial review and disciplinary sanctions. Non-college individuals acting in violation of this policy will be required to leave campus.

Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) is an EEO/AA institution and an equal opportunity employer of protected veterans and individuals with disabilities. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. A lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in the career and technical education programs of the college.

The Maricopa Community Colleges do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs or activities. For Title IX/504 concerns, call the following number to reach the appointed coordinator: **(480) 731-8499**. For additional information, as well as a listing of all coordinators within the Maricopa College system, visit the following weblink:

<https://district.maricopa.edu/consumer-information/non-discrimination-statements>.



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