

Expressive Activities on Campus

Senate Bill 18, regarding [Protected Expression on Campus](#) for all public higher education institutions in Texas, went into effect on September 1, 2019. Among other things, this new law recognizes a public college's common outdoor areas as traditional public forums. This designation means that any individual or group – even those not affiliated with Collin College – may engage in free speech activities in common outdoor areas of a campus.

Collin College is given the authority to reasonably regulate the time, place, and manner of expression to ensure that it does not disrupt the activities of the college or disturb regular academic programs of the college. It is, however, vitally important that these exceptions are not used in a manner that abridges Collin College's commitment to the open and free exchange of ideas.

Collin College expects members of the college community act in ways that are consistent with the principle of free expression. Although members of the college community are free to criticize and contest the opinions expressed on campus, as well as speakers who are invited to the college to share their views, they may not obstruct or otherwise interfere with the freedom of others to express views with which they disagree. Members of the college community must follow college policies related to expressive activities. Collin College has a vital responsibility not only to promote freedom of debate and discussion, but also to protect that freedom when others attempt to restrict it.

For more information or questions regarding expressive activities on Collin College's campus, please contact the Dean of Students office at dos@Collin.edu.

The relevant Board Policies are linked below:

- Students: See Board Policy [FLA\(Local\)](#)
- Employees: See Board Policy [DGC\(Local\)](#)
- Community Members: See Board Policy [GD\(Local\)](#)