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**Distribution of Literature**

Written or printed materials, handbills, photographs, pictures, films, tapes, or other visual or auditory materials not sponsored by the College District shall not be sold, circulated, distributed, or posted on any College District premises by any College District student or registered student organization, except in accordance with this policy.

The College District shall not be responsible for, nor shall the College District endorse, the contents of any nonschool literature-materials or literature distributed by students or registered student organizations that are not sponsored by the College District.

Materials distributed under the supervision of instructional personnel as a part of instruction or other authorized classroom activities shall not be considered nonschool literature and shall not be governed by this policy.

[For distribution of nonschool literature-materials in College District facilities and common outdoor areas by nonstudents and organizations that are not registered student organizations, see GD]

**Limitations on Content**

Nonschool materials or literature shall not be distributed by students or registered student organizations on College District property if:

1. The materials are obscene.
2. The materials contain defamatory statements about public figures or others.
3. The materials advocate imminent lawless or disruptive action and are likely to incite or produce such action.
4. The materials are considered prohibited harassment. [See DIAA, DIAB, FFDA, and FFDB]
5. The materials constitute nonpermissible solicitation. [See FI]
6. The materials infringe upon intellectual property rights of the College District. [See CT]

**Time, Place, and Manner Restrictions Rules**

The vice president for student development or designee shall designate times, locations, and means by which nonschool literature-materials or literature that is appropriate for distribution, as provided in this policy, may be made available or distributed by students or registered student organizations to students or others at College District facilities.

Distribution of the nonschool literature shall be conducted in a manner that:
1. Is not disruptive; [See FLB]
2. Does not impede reasonable access to College District facilities;
3. Does not result in damage to College District property;
4. Does not coerce, badger, or intimidate a person;
5. Does not interfere with the rights of others; and
6. Does not violate local, state, or federal laws or College District policies and procedures.

The distributor will clean the area around which the literature was distributed of any materials that were discarded or leftover.

Petitions, Handbills, and Literature

This section is covered in the provost’s office at each campus.

Each petition, handbill, or piece of literature submitted for approval for distribution shall include the name of the person or organization wanting to distribute it.

A person or organization shall be prohibited from publicly distributing on College District property any nonschool literature that is obscene or libelous or that contains nonpermissible solicitation. Distribution of nonschool literature shall be conducted so as not to interfere with the free and unimpeded flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic or disturb or interfere with academic or institutional activities.

A person or organization shall not distribute nonschool literature by accosting individuals or by hawking or shouting. The distributor shall ensure the area around which the nonschool literature was distributed is clean and free of discarded or leftover materials.

Signs

For the purposes of this policy, “sign” shall be defined as a billboard, decal, notice, placard, poster, banner, or any kind of handheld sign; and “posting” shall be defined as any means used for displaying a sign.

“Nonpermissible sign” shall mean a sign that contains material that is obscene, libelous, or includes nonpermissible solicitation and/or is larger than 11 inches by 17 inches, unless authorized by the director of student life.

A person or organization shall not post a nonpermissible sign. [See FI and GD]
A student, registered student organization, department, or community member may publicly post a sign on College District property in areas or locations designated by the assistant director of student engagement, in conjunction with the campus provost/vice president and the campus manager of facilities, director of plant operations, or in common outdoor areas as allowed by policy GD. No object other than a sign may be posted on College District property.

Before publicly posting a sign on College facilities (outside of common outdoor areas), a student or registered student organization shall:

1. Deliver a copy, photograph, or description of the sign to be posted.

2. Provide pertinent information including:
   a. The name and phone number of the student, registered student organization, department, or community member;
   b. The proposed general location for posting the sign;
   c. The length of time the sign will be posted; and
   d. The signature of the student, authorized representative, and/or adviser.

Upon receipt, the appropriate student life engagement office staff shall ensure that the pertinent information listed above is included and that the following guidelines are applied:

1. Approved items, with a maximum size of 11 inches by 17 inches shall be posted neatly on appropriate bulletin boards by student engagement office personnel, subject to space availability;

2. Each item to be posted shall receive an approval stamp dated and signed by student engagement office personnel;

3. Materials shall generally be approved for a maximum period of four weeks; and

4. Materials that do not conform to these posting guidelines shall be subject to immediate removal.

A sign shall not be:

1. Attached to:
   a. A shrub or plant;
   b. A tree, except by string to its trunk;
c. A permanent sign installed for another purpose;

d. A fence or chain or its supporting structure;

e. A brick, concrete, or masonry structure; or

f. A statue, monument, or similar structure.

2. Posted:

   a. On or adjacent to a fire hydrant;

   b. **Outside of a common outdoor area** On or between a curb and sidewalk; or

   c. In a College District building, except on a bulletin board designated for that purpose.

**Removal**

The student life office shall remove all signs no later than one week after the expired approval stamp date. A sign posted or attached in accordance with the provisions of this policy shall not be removed by anyone without permission from the director of student life.

**Classroom Bulletin Boards**

Bulletin boards located inside and directly outside each classroom shall be under the jurisdiction of the provost on each individual campus or designee.

**Expressive Activities by Students or Student Organizations in Common Outdoor Areas**

Common outdoor areas are designated by state law as traditional public forums.

For purposes of this policy, the terms “expressive activities” and “common outdoor areas” are defined in GD(LOCAL).

Students and student organizations may engage in expressive activities in common outdoor areas, unless:

1. The person’s conduct is unlawful;

2. The use would constitute an immediate and actual danger to the peace or security of the College District that available law enforcement officials could not control with reasonable efforts;

3. The use would materially or substantially disrupt or disturb the regular academic program; or

4. The use would result in damage to or defacement of property.
Students or student organizations do not need a College District permit or reservation for the exercise of expressive activities in common outdoor areas of the College District. Expressive activity may occur in those common outdoor areas of the College District that are not in use by others.

However, students and student organizations may, and are encouraged to, reserve a space to assemble in the common outdoor areas of the College District. Once a person or group reserves a certain space in a common outdoor area for assembly or expressive activities, it is not available for another person or group’s use or reservation at the same time. Therefore, any person or group using or occupying the space without a reservation must yield control of the space in time to permit any user with a reservation to begin using the space promptly at the beginning of the reserved time.

In addition, when outdoor space is being used, even on a temporary basis, for College District business, operations, events, an educational function or a research function, it is not part of the common outdoor area available for use for others’ expressive activities.

Reservations for assembly or expressive activities in the common outdoor areas of the College District may be made through the Conference Services Department on a form prescribed by them or through a request sent to reserveCOA@collin.edu. If the expected attendance at an assembly or expressive activity is fifteen or more people, advance notice and a reservation of no less than two weeks is recommended. Persons and organizations are encouraged to seek a reservation of a space that is suited to their assembly’s anticipated size.

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confiscation or discarding of nonconforming materials. A student or student organization who fails to comply with or violates this policy may be disciplined under applicable procedures provided by other College District policies and rules, including the Student Handbook, and may referred to the Dean of Students Office for disciplinary action.

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