

F.5.4 (Policy) Student Publications and Signs

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Sale of Newspapers on Campus

The sale or distribution of newspapers shall be permitted at designated places on each campus, under the supervision of the chief student affairs officer of the respective colleges.

Petitions, Handbills, Print Media and Literature

Each petition, handbill, or piece of literature shall identify the person or organization distributing it.

Distribution must be conducted so as not to interfere with free and unimpeded flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic or to disturb or interfere with academic or institutional activities.

No person or organization may publicly distribute on College District property or at College District-sponsored events any petition, handbill, print media or piece of literature that:

1. is lewd, obscene, profane, or libelous;
2. contains insulting or “fighting words” (including but not limited to words that by their very utterance inflict injury or tend to incite immediate violence or breach of the peace); or
3. contains a “true threat” (statements which are meant to communicate a serious expression of an intent to commit an act of unlawful violence to a particular individual or group of individuals). Intimidation is a form of true threat, where a threat is directed to a person or group of persons with the intent of placing the victim in fear of bodily harm or death.

No person or organization may distribute a document of any sort by accosting individuals, or by hawking or shouting. The distributor must clean the area around which the documents are distributed.

Signs

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

A student or registered student organization may publicly post a sign on college property or at college-sponsored events in accordance with college guidelines. Each college is responsible for developing and communicating guidelines.

No student or registered student organization may post or carry a sign that:

1. Is lewd, obscene, profane or libelous.
2. Contains insulting or “fighting words” or a “true threat.”

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3. Is larger than 22 inches by 28 inches, unless authorized by the chief student affairs officer.

Legal Reference - TACC Policy Reference Manual

FK(LEGAL) - Student Activities

FKA(LEGAL) - Student Activities: College Sponsored Publications

FKC(LEGAL) - Student Activities: Registered Student Organizations

FL(LEGAL) - Student Rights and Responsibilities

FI(LEGAL) - Solicitations