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3.11 POLICY ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND CAMPUS DEMONSTRATIONS

The Main Campus Free Speech Area for students will be located at the middle of the concourse located in the “D” Building at 1215 Houbolt Road, Joliet, Illinois. Location of the Free Speech Areas for other Joliet Junior College owned properties will be determined by the administrator in charge of that location. Requests for extended campuses will be submitted to the main office at each location.

TIME: Hours of use for the Free Speech Area are the normal hours of operation at the Main Campus.

PLACE: The Free Speech Area will be located at the middle of the concourse area located in the Main Campus “D” Building in front of the Student Center. If necessary, an alternate location will be designated.

REGISTRATION AND USE OF FREE SPEECH AREA

Students wishing to use the Free Speech Area must request use of the space through the Office of Student Activities. Reservations must be made five business days in advance of any use of the facility. Contact the Office of Student Activities for a reservation form. Usually, use of the space will be assigned to the person or group that requests the area first. College sponsored events have first priority for the use of campus facilities. The College reserves the right to locate any assembly so as to ensure that the activity does not interfere with the normal operation of the College or with the rights of others.

No more than two individuals shall be allowed in the Free Speech Area, and they must remain behind the table and/or divider provided for this space while utilizing such Free Speech Area. Any student and/or student group requesting use of the Free Speech Area must follow all rules of the Student Code of Conduct during their Free Speech time and/or demonstration. All persons using such space shall comply with all rules and regulations governing the use of College facilities.

At the time of the request to use the Free Speech Area, the following information will be required:

- Name of the person or organization sponsoring the event.
- Location, date and time requested for event.
- General purpose of the event.
- The Distribution of Printed Material Request Form and an exact copy of all materials.
- List of planned activities (i.e. speech or rally, march with signs, distribution of literature, sit-in).
- Special equipment requested.

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- Anticipated attendance.

The Office of Student Activities will forward a copy of all Free Speech Area requests to the Physical Plant to assist with coordination of use of the Free Speech Area.

MANNER: GUIDELINES FOR APPROPRIATE EXPRESSIONS OF DISSENT

1. Disruptive Activity – Obstruction, disruption, or interference with classes, research, administrative functions, or other College activities is not permitted. Likewise, infringement on the rights of others is prohibited.
2. Reasonable Access – It is important to provide reasonable access to enter and exit from any office, classroom, laboratory, or building. Likewise, vehicular and pedestrian traffic should not be obstructed.
3. Distribution of Literature – Distributing literature is acceptable only in the Free Speech Area by the group or organization requesting Freedom of Expression.* Distribution of commercial literature is not permitted.
 - = Note – Literature/material for display purposes must have the approval of the Office of Student Services and Activities prior to posting. The area must be clean of all materials/symbols at the conclusion of the event or end of the time allotted.
4. Noise – Making sustained or repeated noise in a manner which substantially interferes with a speaker’s ability to communicate his/her message is not permitted. Noise levels should not interfere with classes, meetings, or activities in progress.
5. Force or Violence – Any attempt to prevent a College activity or other lawful assembly by the threat or use of force or violence is not permissible.
6. Presenting Identification – In accordance with the Joliet Junior College Student Code it is unlawful for any person on any property either owned or controlled by the College to refuse to identify himself/herself to a College official in response to a request. For the purpose of this policy a person identifies himself/herself by presenting a student ID card or driver’s license.
7. Damage to Property – Care should be taken to ensure that College and personal property is not damaged or destroyed. This includes the campus lawns, shrubs, and trees. Individuals or groups bringing onto College property any personal property shall be responsible for removing of such property each day after the hours of use of the free speech area.
8. Other Colleges Regulations – All applicable College Regulations should be followed whenever engaging in activities on campus. Consult the Joliet Junior College Student Handbook for further information.



BOARD POLICIES

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All individuals participating in scheduled events are expected to comply with state and federal law, municipal ordinances, Joliet Junior College Student Code, and the above guidelines. Failure to do so may result in immediate removal from the campus and any other appropriate action by College officials and/or Campus Police.

This Policy 3.11 shall be administered by being cognizant that one of the purposes of any college, including Joliet Junior College, is to foster and encourage the free expression and exchange of ideas within the context of the total educational environment provided by this institution.