

6Hx19-1.41 FREE SPEECH AND ASSEMBLY

The purpose of this Board Rule is to establish Board policy relating to free speech and assembly in outdoor areas of PHSC campuses.

In accordance with Florida Statute 1004.097 (*Campus Free Expression Act*), Pasco-Hernando State College recognizes and respects all peaceful and lawful expressions of speech and acknowledges that students and others in the community have the right to assemble in an orderly manner on the College's campuses. A person who wishes to engage in expressive activity in outdoor areas of the campuses may do so freely and spontaneously, as long as the person's conduct is lawful, does not materially or substantially disrupt the functioning of the college, and does not infringe upon the rights of others. The College reserves the right to establish and enforce reasonable, viewpoint-neutral restrictions on the time, place and manner of expressive activities in outdoor common areas. The content of expressive activities will not be considered in regulating speech in outdoor areas, except to the extent permitted by law.

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Legal Authority:

General Authority: FS 1004.097

Other References:

Law Implemented: Florida Statute: 1004.097

Proposer: Timothy L. Beard, President