



## **Nash Community College Free Speech and Solicitation Policy**

An off campus or outside individual, organization, agency, or other group desiring to engage in solicitation activities, demonstrate, picket, or present or disseminate information or speech on any property which is owned, leased, or operated by Nash Community College (a "Campus Presenter") is required to comply with the procedures set out in this Policy. By way of illustration, "off campus" or "outside" individuals or groups include, but are not limited to, (1) individuals who are not students, faculty, or staff members of Nash Community College; (2) organizations or other groups which are not Nash Community College student or faculty and staff organizations; or (3) groups or organizations not affiliated with Nash Community College.

Nash Community College recognizes and appreciates the rights of its students to hear off-campus or outside speakers on Nash Community College Property. Solicitation and/or presentations from Campus Presenters will be permitted subject to the rules established under this Policy.

Nash Community College has limited physical space and does not have traditional public forum areas on campus. However, to accommodate Campus Presenters and to present diversity of ideas to the student body, Nash Community College will endeavor to provide space for Campus Presenters. A Campus Presenter must reserve space in advance for activities on campus. Subject to availability, space will be made available to Campus Presenters for up to three hours per day between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm on the first and third Thursday of each month. Campus Presenters must request the use of space by submitting a Solicitation Request Form in writing to the office of the Vice President of Finance no less than five business days before the proposed activity. The Solicitation Request Form must provide the names of the individuals intending to speak, the anticipated size of the group, and the name, address and phone number of a responsible contact person who will be present during the event. Campus Presenters' access to Nash Community College Property will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis as space is available. Priority will be given to Campus Presenters that are sponsored by an official Nash Community College student group.

Space will be designated prior to the visit, taking into account space availability, the size of the group representing the Campus Presenter, date and time of visit, and conflicts with other campus activities and class schedules. Upon arriving on campus, individuals or groups must check in at the College's main switchboard located in the Business and Industry Center. Campus Police will direct the individual or group to the designated location.

Access will not be granted for activities which conflict with previously-scheduled events, or if the designated area is temporarily inaccessible or unsafe due to construction, an act of God or a similar cause. Access will not be denied because of the requestor's viewpoint or speech content.

Violation of this solicitation policy could result in removal from campus or loss of privileges to solicit or present information on Nash Community College's property.

No sound amplification is permitted. Noise levels exceeding 70 decibels or disrupting the learning environment or the normal operation of Nash Community College are prohibited.

The following is strictly prohibited:

1. Communicating violent or threatening language.
2. Advocating illegal conduct that is directed to inciting or producing imminent lawless action and is likely to incite or produce such action.
3. Touching, striking, or impeding the progress of pedestrians, except for incidental or accidental contact, or contact initiated by a pedestrian.
4. Photographing, video recording or audio recording any faculty, staff or student without first obtaining written permission from the person to be photographed, video recorded or audio recorded.
5. Engagement in disruptive or disorderly conduct that is reasonably likely to cause a disruption to the learning environment or the normal operation of the College.
6. Damaging, destroying or stealing College or private property on campus.
7. Possessing or using firearms, explosives, or dangerous weapons or substances.
8. Obstructing the flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

Pamphlets, publications, advertisements, and any other such written materials may not be distributed through any form of Nash Community College communication channels or in a manner expressly stating or implying Nash Community College's endorsement or support of any particular viewpoint. Written materials may be distributed by hand at the approved designated location and time. The distribution of materials must not impede students, faculty or staff or interfere with any educational or extra-curricular activity or otherwise create a nuisance or littering.

Any individual, organization, agency, or group distributing written materials on any property which is owned, leased, or operated by Nash Community College is responsible for any cleanup of written materials or other litter or waste and shall reimburse the College for any clean-up costs associated with the distribution of materials.

It is expressly prohibited for any individual, agency, organization, or group not officially affiliated with Nash Community College to use any surface such as walls, bulletin boards, trees, or the like located on any property owned, leased, or operated under the jurisdiction of Nash Community College to display any written or otherwise visual materials.

[Click here to fill out the Solicitation Request form](#)

