

WAC 495A-140-045 Use of facilities for expressive activities.

Expressive activity includes, but is not limited to, informational picketing, petition circulation, distribution of information leaflets or pamphlets, speech-making, demonstrations, rallies, appearances of speakers in outdoor areas, protests, meetings to display group feelings or sentiments, and other types of assemblies to share information, perspective, or viewpoints.

Students, student organizations, and the general public may use prespecified locations on Bates Technical College, District No. 28, for expressive activities between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, when the college is open to the public under the following conditions:

(1) There will be no overnight camping on college facilities or premises between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Camping is defined to include sleeping, cooking activities, storing personal belongings, personal habitation, or the erection of tents or other shelters or structures used for purposes of personal habitation.

(2) College groups are encouraged to contact campus safety and facilities no later than forty-eight hours in advance of the activity. However, if an expressive activity does not displace other activities occurring at the college, the college group may be permitted to make a last minute request to set up an activity.

(3) All sites used for expressive activities should be cleaned up and left in their original condition and may be subject to inspection by a representative of the college after the activity. Reasonable charges may be assessed against the sponsoring organization for the costs of extraordinary cleanup or for the repair of damaged property.

(4) All college and noncollege groups must comply with fire, safety, sanitation, or special regulations specified for the activity. The college cannot and will not provide utility connections or hookups for purposes of expressive activities conducted pursuant to this policy.

(5) The activity must be conducted in accordance with any other applicable board policies, college policies, and regulations at the college, local, state, and federal level.

(6) The expressive activities do not pose hazards or safety risks to the employees, students, or other college visitors.

(7) Expressive activities do not include obscene, lewd, or indecent conduct.

(8) Noncollege groups may use college facilities for expressive activity as identified in this procedure provided space is available and college regulations are followed.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.140 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 19-20-048, § 495A-140-045, filed 9/25/19, effective 10/26/19.]