

**THREE RIVERS COLLEGE
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION POLICY**

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Three Rivers College upholds the first amendment rights of free speech and the right to assemble peaceably on college property. However, such rights are not absolute, and the rights to regulate time, place and manner of such expressions on college campuses is well-established. In order to honor the right of free speech and expression to the entities that wish to communicate with students and employees of the college in a peaceful manner, while protecting against the intrusion upon or interference with the academic programs and administrative processes of the college, the following policy has been adopted.

Three Rivers College has the right to:

- Restrict expressive activities that violate local ordinances or state or federal laws;
- Restrict expressive activities that disrupt traffic on campus or obstruct access to campus locations;
- Restrict speech that is not entitled to "protected" status, such as speech/expression that consists of obscenity, fighting words, threats of physical harm, or incites imminent violence; and
- Restrict expressive activities that substantially and materially disrupt the functioning of the college.

Three Rivers College strictly prohibits disruption of the teaching and learning environment, interference with the efficient operation of the college, or the daily work of college employees and others. This includes any disruptive manner of solicitation and the distribution of commercial literature on all college properties.

As cited in the "Campus Free Expression Act", any person who wishes to engage in noncommercial expressive activity on campus "outdoor space" shall be permitted to do so freely, as long as the person's conduct is lawful and does not materially and substantially disrupt the functioning of the institution. The outdoor areas of the campus are open to the public however, may be subject to restriction of reasonable time, place and manner per College Policy and Regulation 1201.

Three Rivers College defines solicitation for commercial purposes and is not permitted unless approved by the college. No employee of Three Rivers College shall use their

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affiliation with the college for commercial or promotional purposes. The name or seal of the college shall not be used for non- college affiliated commercial endorsements unless specifically approved. Violations of this policy may result in removal of any individual or group from campus.

Agents, solicitors and sales persons shall not be permitted on college property to conduct any commercial activity without prior approval of the college. Any entity seeking to distribute commercial materials or assemble only on the outdoor areas that are on the grounds of any Three Rivers College location must complete an application. This application form is available through the college communications office. An approved reservation may allow distribution of commercial materials or expressive activity on the grounds of the college campus. No reservations shall be granted during any official final examination period. Failure to follow any rules and restrictions established herein shall result in loss of privileges.

Application for, processes and requirements can be found in College Regulation GAR 1201 Free Speech and Assembly.

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- 10-10-2012:** Initial approval of policy GAP 1201 Free Speech and Assembly.
- 08-27-2015:** Revised to reflect the "Campus Free Expression Act" MO. Senate Bill NO. 93, effective August 28, 2015.
- 09-21-2016:** The College Board of Trustees approved the name change of the college from Three Rivers Community College to Three Rivers College.