

PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION AND MASS GATHERING POLICY

A primary component of the Mission of Suffolk County Community College is to provide an academic environment that supports divergent viewpoints. The College encourages students, faculty and staff to engage in free discussion, exploration, debate, and demonstrations of points of issue and concern to them, in a manner that does not disrupt either in part or in whole the orderly operation of the College, cause imminent harm to any individual, cause damage to property of the College or others, or interfere with the rights of others. Article 129-A of the Education Law of the State of New York mandates that the College shall adopt rules and regulations for the maintenance of public order on its campuses.

No demonstrations or mass gatherings are permitted on College property at any time without a valid permit. The purpose of this permit is to facilitate a time, place and manner of the event so that it does not interfere with either the academic or administrative endeavors of the College. No person, either singly or in concert with others, shall engage in disruptive behavior as defined in the Student Code of Conduct or the Faculty Handbook, or which is in violation of any Federal, State, County or local law. Students who engage in behavior which meets the College definition of disruptive behavior could be required to participate in the Student Conduct Process. Any individual who violates Federal, State, County or local law could be subject to arrest by the Suffolk County Police Department.

Any individual who elects to participate in a demonstration or mass gathering that is not permitted will be asked to leave the College immediately. Failure to obey the lawful or purposeful direction of any College official or law enforcement agency could lead to disciplinary action under College policy and/or arrest.

The College has designated locations specific to each of our three campuses where permitted demonstrations or mass gatherings can take place. These three locations are as follows:

Ammerman Campus: Veterans Plaza
Grant Campus: Southwest of HSE building
Eastern Campus: Campus Quad

Students requesting permits for demonstrations and mass gatherings must submit their requests to the Office of Campus Activities on each campus. The locations of these offices are as follows:

Ammerman Campus: Babylon Student Center
Grant Campus: Captree Commons
Eastern Campus: Peconic Building

Non-students requesting permits for demonstrations and mass gatherings must submit their requests to the Office of Public Safety on each campus.

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