

University Schools			
Monitoring: Review: Annually, in December	Descriptor Term: Student Equal Access (Limited Public Forum)	Descriptor Code: 4.802	Issued Date: June 2025
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“Limited public forum” means public property that is provided for students as a place for expressive activity which may impose reasonable, content-neutral time, place, and manner restrictions on certain groups or topics of speech; provided, that the restriction is necessary and narrowly tailored to serve a compelling state interest.

If the school chooses to establish a limited public forum, the school’s policy shall ensure that the school does not discriminate against a student’s publicly stated voluntary expression of a religious viewpoint, if any, and to eliminate any actual or perceived affirmative school sponsorship or attribution to the school of a student’s expression of a religious viewpoint, if any.

- (1) All students and/or groups of students have the right to organize meetings and express viewpoints;
- (2) All meetings must be requested and approved by the Chief Academics and Operations Officer.
- (3) The meeting must have a stated requested duration and topic.
- (4) The Chief Academic Officer and student/student group will establish the parameters for time, place/facilities, and manner of student meetings;
- (5) University Schools will advertise, based on neutral criteria, the selection of student speakers at school events and graduation ceremonies;
- (6) The school and its administrators and staff will ensure the civil engagement of discourse in the meeting and that the meeting stays within time, topic, and other parameters.
- (7) University Schools will monitor to ensure permissible and prohibited content of student expression, including ensuring that a student speaker does not engage in speech that is obscene, vulgar, offensively lewd, indecent, or promotes illegal drug use.

Legal References

1. T.C.A. § 49-6-1801
2. T.C.A. § 49-6-1803(b)