

**Northwestern State University
Policy on Public Speech, Assembly and Demonstrations**

Based on 1st & 14th Amendments but does indicate that these freedoms are not absolute.

Northwestern State University has the right to regulate registration of an event considering the time, place and manner of public speech, assembly and demonstration.

Registration:

Complete application form (see page 2) including specified requests for event approval
 Apply at least 24-48 hours or more prior to the actual event date
 Processing may take up to 72 hours for non-student groups or groups outside the campus community
 Dean of Students, or designee, makes every effort to approve applications quickly; however, applicants may not take action until an application is approved
 Requested event cannot:
 interfere with another approved event
 interfere with University operations
 be scheduled during other major University events—as determined by Student Affairs

Time: Limited to one, 2-hour time period every 7 days, commencing on Monday

Place: University designated 3 specific campus locations:

Student Union Plaza

Prather Coliseum East Parking Lot (next to the tennis courts facing the coliseum)

Green Space between CAPA and Varnado Hall

*The person or organization applying will choose only 1 location.

Manner:

Approved by Dean of Students or designee
 Peaceful
 Restricted to specified location
 No harmful acts, destruction or defacement of property, physical assaults or threats thereof
 May not display or threaten to use or display firearms, explosives or weapons of any type
 Amplification devices cannot be used in the Student Union Plaza
 May not obstruct, disrupt, or attempt to force the cancellation of any event sponsored by the University or by any users authorized to use University facilities
 May not block ingress or egress to roadways, buildings, exterior patios or plazas or gathering places
 Speech cannot be projected into private areas or so to disrupt University classes or administrative functions

Sanctions:

Individuals and student groups/organizations are subject to all sanctions in the NSU Student Code of Conduct.
 Individuals and student groups/organizations are subject to all sanctioning under the local, state and federal laws.

Non-Endorsement

University does not endorse any group and makes no guarantees f

