

Queens College Guidance Regarding Time, Place, and Manner Regulations for Demonstrations on Campus, version 2.0

I. Introduction

This protocol is intended to ensure a welcoming, safe, and inclusive environment that supports academic and social activities at Queens College. It safeguards individuals' rights to express themselves and to be free from harassment and discrimination, while preserving the continuity of the College's core operations and mission. The Guidance applies to all persons at Queens College, regardless of their affiliation.

The Guidance was promulgated in fall 2024, following the issuance of a report reviewing antisemitism within CUNY by the Honorable Jonathan Lippman, as commissioned by New York Governor Kathy Hochul. The report, which recommended development of guidance beyond the Rules and Regulations for the Maintenance of Public Order ("Henderson Rules"), was adopted by the CUNY Board of Trustees. The CUNY Chancellor subsequently requested all units within the system submit a document of this nature. Interim guidelines were drafted. Faculty governance bodies have had an opportunity to submit comments which were considered in the preparation of this revised version.

Queens College defines demonstrations as pre-planned gathering[s] of 25 or more persons convened for the purpose of a public exhibition including, but not limited to, a procession, parade, protest, picket, march or rally. Demonstrations are distinct from events and tabling activities which already require 30 days' notice. Requests to schedule demonstrations, regardless of the identity of the persons involved, and regardless of the time, place, or manner, must be submitted to the Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. Organizers of Demonstrations must read this document, complete the Campus Events Request Form, and submit it to the Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at least three business days before the planned Demonstration date for consideration. Organizers of spontaneous Demonstrations which are occasioned by news or affairs coming into public knowledge less than seventy-two hours prior to such event[s], may submit a Campus Events Request Form less than three business days before the planned Demonstration.

All aspects of the foregoing expressly incorporate federal and state law, CUNY policy, Queens College policy, and in particular, but without limitation, the Rules and Regulations for the Maintenance of Public Order ("Henderson Rules"). Violation of these policies or rules, including this Guidance, may be grounds for disciplinary action.

II. General Provisions

The following regulations are generally applicable to Demonstrations at Queens College.

- No blocking or otherwise interfering with the free flow of vehicular, bicycle, or pedestrian traffic. The right of way on streets and sidewalks must be maintained.

- No preventing or attempting to force the cancellation of any class, event or activity sponsored by the College or by any persons authorized to use College facilities by using unreasonably loud noise or physical means.
- No harassment, physical abuse, or threats toward any member of the College community, any persons authorized to be at the College, or third parties who are physically present or proximate to the College.
- Demonstrations are permitted between 8 AM and 8 PM.
- No volume of noise that prevents members of the College community from performing their normal campus activities. Amplified sound (e.g., bullhorns or similar equipment) is not permitted and may not be used unless approved in advance in writing by Student Affairs.
- No structures, whether characterized as temporary or permanent, may be erected on campus without advance written authorization.
- Open flames or flammable equipment or materials are prohibited unless the person or group generating flames has advance written authorization, and equipment and materials brought onto the premises must be compliant with applicable fire and safety codes, the rules and regulations of the City and State of New York, and the standards and permits established by the New York City Fire Department.

Designated Locations

The College permits approved Demonstrations anywhere on the Quad and areas adjacent to Queens Hall, Colden Auditorium and the Student Union as long as entrances to the building are not obstructed, and unless another party has previously reserved the space.

The College permits approved Demonstrations in Campus building lobbies and common areas as long as entrances and exits are not obstructed, educational activities are not disrupted, and unless another party has previously reserved the space.

The College may authorize Demonstrations at other locations on Campus only upon written approval of the Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

III. Compliance and Enforcement

Individuals and groups must comply with applicable University and College policies and procedures, including the Rules and Regulations for the Maintenance of Public Order (“Henderson Rules”). Violation of these policies or rules, including this Queens College Guidance, may be grounds for disciplinary action.

Failure to comply with instructions from Public Safety or other Queens College officials, whether prior to or during a Demonstration or at any time, may result in the individual being considered a trespasser. Non-compliance may also lead to conduct charges in accordance with CUNY and Queens College policies.