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NEW DISTRICT REGULATION EXPANDS STUDENTS' FREE SPEECH ZONE

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) has agreed to adopt a new Administrative Regulation that will enhance students' free speech rights at the District's nine colleges.

The action helps bring closure to a 2017 lawsuit filed by a student and an independent advocacy group that challenged the ability of Los Angeles Pierce College to regulate the free speech activities of students to a special area of the college.

In settling the lawsuit, the LACCD agreed to make the designated free speech zone at Pierce College much larger and to make sure all of the nine colleges have similar processes to allow student free speech activities.

The new Administrative Regulation states: "(T)he purpose of these regulations is to foster free speech, assembly, and other expressive activities, while addressing the need of each Community College campus to make necessary arrangements to assure that such activities do not interfere with the College's mission and operations or the rights of others."

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About the Los Angeles Community College District

LACCD (www.laccd.edu) is the nation's largest community college district, educating about 250,000 students annually at its nine colleges that serve the residents of more than 36 cities and communities from 900 square miles of Los Angeles County. Since 1969, the District has been providing an important learning pathway for students seeking transfer to four-year colleges or universities while also offering two-year degrees and certificated training programs to Southern California's diverse workforce in many specialized trades and professions. Follow us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/LACCD>, @LACCD, on Twitter, <https://twitter.com/laccd> @laccd and Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/laccd_edu/, laccd_edu.

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