

Interim Policy for Student Demonstrations and Other Expressive Activities on the Evanston Campus

The [University's Demonstration Policy](#) addresses the parameters for free expression and peaceful demonstration by members of the Northwestern community, including faculty, students, staff, and invited guests. It defines "demonstration" as "any public display of individual or group speech or other expression occurring either (i) on or near the Northwestern campus or (ii) at University-sponsored events off campus." It continues to govern this activity.

In addition, the following interim rules and regulations apply to students on the Evanston campus:

- **The Rock**: On weekdays, demonstrations at The Rock may not occur until after 3 p.m., when most classes in adjacent buildings have concluded. Amplified sound, including the use of bullhorns, is prohibited on weekdays before 5 p.m. at The Rock and is subject to the approval process described below. The tradition of painting The Rock is allowed at any time. Tabling and other events reserved through the University may continue to be held at The Rock at their reserved times.
- **Other Locations**: Peaceful demonstrations may occur at other locations on campus. The University reserves the right to limit demonstrations to specific times and locations if it determines such limitations are necessary to protect the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff or the operations of the University.
- **Outdoor Sound Amplification**: Any devices used to project or amplify sound on University property, including bullhorns, must be approved in advance through the [Outdoor Event Request Form](#). The University's review of such requests will ensure compliance with local and state ordinances. In some instances, sound permits may be required from the City of Evanston.
- **Lighting**: The University owns and controls the lighting in and on its buildings and properties. Only authorized University officials are permitted to alter or project light onto University buildings or properties.
- **Banners at Weber Arch**: Only authorized University officials may hang banners on Weber Arch. Student organizations and University departments may hang banners in [certain designated locations near Weber Arch](#). [Reservations](#) are required to do so.
- **Outdoor Posting**: Affixing flyers and postings to trees, benches, painted exteriors of campus buildings, campus sidewalks, and roadways is prohibited. Flyers and postings may be affixed to lampposts and outdoor bulletin boards.
- **Chalking**: Chalking is permitted on campus sidewalks that are not covered by overhangs. Chalking is prohibited on all other campus property, including buildings, walls, and stairs. Only non-permanent sidewalk chalk may be used. No paint, spray/adhesive chinks, markers, or inks are allowed.

- Tents and Other Temporary Structures: Any installation of tents or other temporary structures on University property is prohibited except for University-approved events. One small camping tent at The Rock will continue to be permitted for guarding and painting it.

Any messaging or structures prohibited by these interim rules and regulations are subject to removal regardless of content. These interim rules and regulations constitute amendments to the Student Code of Conduct; violations will be addressed consistent with the conduct processes outlined in the Student Handbook.