



NorthwesternTM

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Expressive Speech Annual Report

December 31, 2023

Pursuant to 70 O.S. §2120, Northwestern Oklahoma State University submits the following to demonstrate its course of action for compliance with the requirements of this statute.

Campus Expression Policy

Please find the full policy and procedures under the Campus Expression tab at <https://www.nwosu.edu/student-services>.

Professional Development for Students and Employees

Northwestern Oklahoma State University communicates policy and expectations to students and employees through educational programming provided to the faculty, staff, and students, as well as publication of policies in their respective handbooks and on the university's website. The university may also choose to communicate new policy and/or updates through electronic communication. Professional development materials include a summary sheet of general education points and an information postcard for the campus community and the public.

Copy of Professional Development Training Information Sheet

The following professional development information was provided to the campus community via meetings with faculty, staff, and students. The information is also located in the Student Services Office, in Ryerson Hall, on the Alva Campus and in the front office on the Woodward and Enid locations.

NWOSU Professional Development First Amendment, Expressive Speech, and 70 O.S. §2120

Part 1: State Law

- Passed in the 2019 Oklahoma Legislature, signed by the Governor, effective August 30, 2019. Available [online](#).
- In brief, the law requires that, on Oklahoma public colleges and universities campuses, the campus community and the public may use **unrestricted accessible outdoor space** for **non-commercial expressive activities** because this space is now designated by this statute a traditional public forum. As such, this space can be used unless it **materially and substantially disrupts** the functioning of the University subject to non-discriminatory **time, place, and manner restrictions**.
- This law is consistent with historical federal guidance regarding 1st Amendment protected events on this issue, but also requires:
 - New University policy
 - New training for faculty, staff, and students
 - Annual report to the Governor and Legislature
 - Posted on university webpage (<3 links)
 - Notification of lawsuits

Part 2: University Policy

- In accordance with the state law, NWOSU has developed a policy which addresses the bolded key terms above. The policy is available on the NWOSU website under Campus Expression at <https://www.nwosu.edu/student-services>.
- Take time to review the time, place, and manner restrictions.

Part 3: Expectations

- Guide outdoor visitors to the correct resources on the NWOSU website www.nwosu.edu.
- Greet outdoor expressive speech visitors with a *Visitor Information Card* and introducing yourself. Copy of *Visitor Information Card* provided below.

Part 4: Additional Helpful Information

- The University designates the following indoor facilities as *unavailable* for Expressive Activity: administrative offices, laboratories, and (during instructional hours) classrooms.
- It is recommended by the University for the Campus Community and the public to contact the Dean of Student Affairs and/or the respective Campus Dean if there is a planned Expressive Activity to be held on outdoor areas, so that any questions regarding safety and/or set-up may be discussed. You can contact the Dean of Student Affairs by email at studentservices@nwosu.edu.
- The Campus Community and the public may reserve indoor space by completing the Facility and Event Registration Form (<https://www.nwosu.edu/forms/event-reservation-form>) online. Reservations should be given at least twenty-four (24) hours advance notice, as defined by the calendar of administrative office days.
- Time, place and manner restrictions are in effect. Please read the policy in its entirety. Examples include:
 - No items may be attached in any manner to trees, bushes, benches, light poles, buildings, vehicles, or permanent signs.
 - Non-commercial pamphlets, handbills, fliers, and other written materials may be distributed on a person-to-person basis in open areas outside of building if done in a way to avoid substantial littering on the campus.

Copy of Visitor Information Card

WELCOME TO NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY



How Can We Help You?

Student Services
(580) 327-8414
Located in Ryerson Hall - Alva Campus
Accessible Restrooms

Student Center
(580) 327-8623
Located on Alva Campus
Food Service, Vending Machines, Accessible Restrooms

Woodward Campus
(580) 254-2500
Vending Machines, Accessible Restrooms

Enid Campus
(580) 213-3101
Vending Machines, Accessible Restrooms

Campus Map can be accessed at
www.nwosu.edu/visit-northwestern/campus-map

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit www.nwosu.edu/forms/event-reservation-form for information about holding on-campus demonstrations. *

** This is for your benefit and not required for your visit.*

For emergencies, please call Campus Police at (580) 327-8511

OUR MISSION

We provide quality education and cultural opportunities to learners with diverse needs.

OUR VISION

We are an innovative regional university whose students succeed and lead in their endeavors.

BELIEFS & VALUES

Academic Excellence
We provide the best possible educational experience for every student by focusing on quality teaching and responding to the learning needs of each student.

Accessibility
We are a multiple site regional university committed to maintaining affordability and seeking new methods of delivering to our constituencies.

Community
We create a sense of community that extends beyond our campus boundaries by promoting institutional and individual service to others.

Diversity
We promote the expression of differing opinions and beliefs and value the differences in every individual.

Responsibility
We will maintain the highest levels of ethical standards and accountability.



NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is a public regional university that has received national acclaim for its combination of high quality academic programs and affordability. With knowledgeable faculty teaching programs on three campuses, and a commitment to affordability and quality, we're equipped to guide you to personal and professional success.



Average age of an NWOSU student is 24



76% are in-state students



1,309 students attend full-time
Fall 2022



84% are traditional students 25 years old or below



543 students attend part-time
Fall 2022



30% of student population are minority
Fall 2022

Barriers or Disruptions of Free Expression

Northwestern Oklahoma State University experienced no barriers or disruptions of free speech during the calendar year ending December 31, 2023.

This report can be found by selecting the Campus Expression tab at <https://www.nwosu.edu/student-services>.