

TIDEWATER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PLAZA AND COLLEGE GREEN AREAS

NORFOLK CAMPUS

PURPOSE

This policy addresses the access and use of the plaza and college green areas at the Norfolk Campus.

The Norfolk Campus is the smallest of the college's four campuses, with limited green space for a student body that has tripled since the campus opened in 1997. Located on a main thoroughfare in an urban center, the Norfolk Campus also provides services to a large number of regular community patrons. While the college encourages the use of the green space at all four of its campuses by the public at large, it must ensure that such use does not disrupt or compromise its service to the students, faculty, staff, and consortium members who comprise the college community.

The following policy has been established to ensure the effective delivery of services to the college community at the Norfolk Campus and to maintain a collegiate atmosphere at the Norfolk Campus.

POLICY

The Norfolk Campus plaza and green areas shall support the mission of Tidewater Community College by providing the college community access to a collegiate environment conducive to study, reflection, and academic engagement. Members of the college community shall have first priority to access and use the plaza and green areas of the Norfolk Campus.

All patrons of the Norfolk Campus shall comply with its published regulations regarding green space behavior and use. Those patrons who fail to do so shall be required to leave the campus green space areas.

The Norfolk Campus reserves the right to revoke or restrict the privileges of any patron who habitually does not comply with the regulations for green space areas.

REGULATIONS FOR PATRONS OF THE NORFOLK CAMPUS GREEN AREAS

1. The following actions are strictly prohibited in the Norfolk Campus plaza and college green areas:
 - Engaging in any loud or disruptive behavior.
 - Selling or soliciting for money, items, or services.
 - Sleeping for extended periods of time.
 - Consuming, using, or being under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other substances causing impairment.
 - Distributing or posting printed material without the prior, written approval of the Provost or his/her designee.
 - Having personal hygiene that does not meet reasonable standards and is offensive to others.
 - Damaging or defacing Norfolk Campus property.
 - Bringing animals or pets, other than those trained for assisted-living purposes, into the plaza or college green areas.
 - Sitting/lying on the grounds so as to prohibit the free movement of others.
 - Loitering.
 - Littering.
 - Bringing suitcases, duffel bags, or other such baggage/personal belongings into the plaza or college green areas.
 - Engaging in any act or conduct in violation of college or VCCS policy, or federal, state, or city law.
2. Use of the Norfolk Campus green areas by a child less than 12 years old is not permitted, unless an adult who accepts responsibility to supervise the child at all times accompanies the child.
3. Patrons are responsible for their personal belongings at all times. Unattended personal items shall be removed as a security precaution.

IMPLEMENTATION

The Dean of Finance and Administration shall be responsible for developing and maintaining procedures for operation of the Norfolk Campus plaza and college green areas that are consistent with this policy and that comply with applicable policies and procedures of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Virginia Community College System.

The regulations for plaza patrons shall be posted on the college's web site and in the vestibule areas of the Martin and Andrews buildings.

Inquiries concerning the policy for the use of the Norfolk Campus plaza or college green areas shall be directed to the Dean of Finance and Administration.

Authorization: Phyllis Milloy, Dean of Finance and Administration

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