

Public Assembly

225Administrative/Operating Guideline

NTC recognizes and supports the right of public assembly and expression. This guideline is not intended to limit or discourage the free exchange of ideas between students, NTC staff and/or the public. This guideline provides information on how groups may publically assemble in a way that does not interfere with the educational experience of our learners or the work of the College.

All activities must comply with the following:

1. Any acts that are disruptive to the normal operations of the College including but not limited to classes and College business or violates the rights of others will not be tolerated. Faculty, staff and students engaging in a disruptive activity may be subject to disciplinary action. Any participant in an unlawful or disruptive activity may face criminal charges. Individuals or groups who deny this policy may be denied access.
2. The public assembly area may be reserved Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. In most cases, the use of the space will be assigned to the person or organization that requests the area first. The College reserves the right to re-locate any assembly to ensure the activity does not interfere with College operations or the rights of others. Applications to reserve the public assembly area may be directed to: NTC Security Team, 1000 W. Campus Drive, Wausau, WI 54401
3. Picketing or displaying signs in an orderly manner or mass distribution of literature within the public assembly area is permitted with the appropriate request to reserve (see #2 above). Literature, petitions and requests for registrations may be distributed in the public assembly area only. Posting materials on walls, windows, doors, sidewalks, trees, light poles, automobiles or any other areas outside of the public assembly area will not be allowed.
4. Displaying of signs or mass distribution of literature with offensive content that is likely to or intended to cause a disruption will not be permitted. Soliciting petitions or other attempts such as through excessive noise to protest, demonstrate or engage in other types of activities with the intent to convey a message to a broad audience of people on College grounds outside the public assembly area will not be permitted. Within the public assembly area, noise volume levels may not disturb or disrupt College activities or business. Volume at lower levels may be restricted, if necessary, in order to keep with interfering with programs taking place at nearby facilities or grounds.

All applicable College regulations, state and federal municipal ordinances must be followed when engaging in activities on campus. Failure to do so may result in immediate removal from the campus and any other appropriate action by College officials and/or security.