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## Ohio Revised Code

## Section 3345.0213 Outdoor campus areas as public forums; no free speech zones.

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(A)(1) Outdoor areas of campuses of state institutions of higher education are public forums for campus communities.

(2) State institutions of higher education shall not create "free speech zones" or designate other outdoor areas of campuses where expressive activities are prohibited.

(3) State institutions of higher education may maintain and enforce reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions specifically developed in service of a significant institutional interest only when such restrictions employ clear, published, viewpoint- and content-neutral criteria, and provide for ample alternative means for expressive activities. Any such restrictions shall allow for members of a campus community to spontaneously and contemporaneously assemble and distribute literature.

(B) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as limiting the right of student expression elsewhere on campus.