



Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson, President

Dear Students,

Below is a message from California State University Chancellor Mildred A. García and all 23 CSU presidents regarding the system's [Interim Time, Place and Manner policy](#), which is now in effect.

There is an interim [SJSU-specific addendum](#) to this systemwide policy that is available on our [Time, Place and Manner website](#). I encourage you to review it. We've also created a [Canvas course module](#) on Activism and Advocacy that ensures you understand the protections you are entitled to as a student as well as the limitations. If you have any questions, please email tpm@sjsu.edu.

Thank you for your attention to this important policy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Teniente-Matson".

Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson
President
(She/Her/Ella)

Dear Students,

Welcome to the start of a new academic year. As the leadership of the California State University (CSU), we would like to take a moment to reaffirm our commitment to fostering an inclusive CSU community.

As a part of this commitment, we uphold freedom of expression as essential to our educational mission. Institutions of higher education have a special obligation to encourage and support the free expression of ideas, values, and opinions, even where they may be unpopular or controversial. We invite and actively encourage you to learn, grow and make your voice heard on issues that matter to you. Freedom of expression, however, is not an absolute right. It coexists with other rights, the CSU educational mission, and the need for public order and safety. The exercise of freedom of expression and assembly rights must comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, as well as university policies.

As you participate in the CSU community, it is important that you understand these regulations and policies, including the Systemwide Time, Place and Manner Policy, the [Student Conduct Process Policy](#) and the [CSU Nondiscrimination Policy](#). These policies

outline the rights and responsibilities of students and include information on reporting, due process rights and sanctions for those found to be in violation of university policies. Student behavior that is not consistent with the Student Conduct Code is addressed through an educational process that is designed to promote safety and good citizenship and, when necessary, impose appropriate sanctions. The procedure for all student conduct violations is set forth in CSU's Student Conduct Process. Sanctions may include restitution, educational and remedial sanctions, denial of access to Campus or persons, disciplinary probation, loss of financial aid, suspension, and expulsion, and can include multiple sanctions. Each campus addendum also contains information on specific university policies, processes and resources, including how to obtain assistance as you plan events.

The CSU's Office of the Chancellor has created a [systemwide website](#) that serves as a hub of information on these matters. This website includes all CSU campus-based policies and resources meant to foster healthy discourse and bring together community members with different viewpoints, as well as educational activities and programs that support the balance of free speech activities, our educational mission and campus safety. In addition, this short video has been created to provide additional information on the relevant policies and resources available to students: [Student Notification of the CSU Time, Place, and Manner Policy](#).



Student Rights and Responsibilities

- Student Conduct Code
- CSU Student Conduct Process Policy
- CSU Nondiscrimination Policy



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We also want to acknowledge that activities related to freedom of expression, which sometimes contain hurtful and/or hateful messages, may impact members of the CSU community. If you have been affected by current or past activities and need support, we urge you to access the [various mental health and wellness resources available for students](#).

We look forward to seeing you on campus and to the vibrant and productive year ahead of us. Thank you for choosing the CSU to be a part of your educational journey.

Sincerely,

Mildred A. García, Chancellor, California State University

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