

Purpose

The use of sidewalk chalk to promote campus events or make announcements is permitted for student organizations recognized by the Office for Student Engagement and Leadership, University departments, or academic programs. No other chalkings will be permitted. The intent of this policy is 1) to describe expectations for those who wish to chalk on sidewalks, 2) to ensure chalking does not permanently or adversely impact the campus grounds, and 3) to ensure messages are consistent with the law and university policy.

Policy

The use of water-soluble chalk (sidewalk chalk) is permitted on University sidewalks provided the chalking complies with the following requirements:

1. Each individual chalking message must bear the name of the recognized student organization, University department, or academic program. The name must be legible.
2. Chalking is permitted only in open areas that can be directly washed by rain. The chalking must be on a horizontal surface not covered by an overhang. Chalking is prohibited in parking areas or on roadways.
3. Chalking is prohibited on all structures and vertical surfaces, including buildings, walls, benches, signs, poles or columns, light poles, and trees.
4. The material used to mark the sidewalk must be water-soluble (sidewalk chalk). The use of markers, paints, oil-based products, sprayable chalk, or other aerosol-based products is prohibited.
5. Overwriting, erasing, defacing, or altering the chalking of another person or organization is prohibited.
6. The content of the chalking shall not violate the law and university policies.

Procedures for Reporting and Responding to Violations of the Policy

Individuals who believe that a student or student organization has violated this policy should contact the Office for Student Engagement and Leadership.

The office or their designees will investigate the concerns and make a determination if the policy has been violated. A determination that this policy has been violated will constitute grounds for the immediate removal of the material. The cost of removing the writings or any repairs required as a result of the violation may be assessed to the offending person(s) and/or organization. The Office for Student Engagement and Leadership may initiate disciplinary action against the offending student organization in accordance with its established procedures.

Student(s) and/or student organization accused of violating this policy also may be subject to university disciplinary action in accordance with the rules and procedures described in the Student Conduct Code.

Questions about this policy should be directed to:

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