

Peaceful Protest Guide

University Policy and Procedures for Peaceful Protests

1. Policy & Requirements:

- Individuals may not hinder education activities, social activities, patient care, or movement of individuals or vehicles
- Verbal or physical threats against groups or individuals are not permitted
- Tents or other structures are not permitted
- Destroying or damaging property is not permitted
- Participants are limited to ATSU students and/or employees
- Amplifying devices/sounds are not permitted
- Individuals are not allowed to disrupt normal operations of the university
- Individuals are not allowed to obstruct access to offices, buildings, clinics or other university facilities
- Individuals are not authorized to enter into or occupy any university room, building, or campus area, including such entry or occupation at any unauthorized time or any unauthorized or improper use of university property, equipment or facilities
- ATSU reserves the right to cancel or shut down peaceful protests in the event of evolving civil unrest in the interest of safety and security for all members of the ATSU community
- Failure to register a peaceful protest will result in immediate disbandment of the event

2. Guidelines for Peaceful Protests:

- **Location:** Protests should be conducted in designated areas approved by the university administration to ensure safety and minimize disruptions.
- **Timing:** Protests should not interfere with academic activities, events, or university operations.
- **Respect for Others:** Participants are expected to engage in peaceful and respectful behavior, refraining from any actions that may incite violence or create a hostile environment.
- **Non-interference:** Protests should not impede the rights of others to access university facilities, attend classes, or conduct university business.
- **Compliance with Laws:** Protests must comply with all local, state, and federal laws, as well as university policies and regulations.
- **Communication:** Organizers should communicate with Campus Safety and law enforcement as necessary to ensure the safety and security of all participants.

3. Procedures for Organizing Peaceful Protests:

- **Notification:** Organizers must register with Campus Safety in advance of any planned protest, providing details such as date, time, location, and expected number of participants.
- **Collaboration:** Campus Safety may work with protest organizers to facilitate the event, including providing resources such as security, first aid, and designated protest areas.
- **Promotion:** Organizers are encouraged to promote the protest responsibly.
- **Dialogue:** In the event of a disruption or conflict during a protest, Campus Safety will attempt to engage in dialogue with participants to address concerns and find a resolution.
- **De-escalation:** Campus Safety personnel will prioritize de-escalation techniques to maintain a peaceful environment and prevent escalation of tensions.
- **Enforcement:** If necessary, Campus Safety may enforce disciplinary measures or seek assistance from law enforcement to address disruptive behavior or violations of university policies.

Note: The university reserves the right to modify or suspend these policies and procedures in cases of emergency or unforeseen circumstances, with the goal of ensuring the safety and well-being of the campus community.