

Campus Chalking Policy

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SECTION I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for chalking on St. Thomas's campus.

SECTION II. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to St. Thomas students, employees (faculty, staff and student workers), volunteers, contractors and visitors. It applies to St. Thomas organizations, programs and student clubs and also to outside organizations.

SECTION III. DEFINITION

Chalking is defined as the use of a water-soluble substance, or substance washable by water or rain, to write or draw on surfaces not intended for such use, including sidewalks and building exteriors. The use of markers, paints of any sort, oil-based products and/or any material that is temporary or permanent are also included in this definition.

SECTION IV. UNAUTHORIZED CHALKING PROHIBITED

Chalking is not permitted on St. Thomas grounds, buildings or facilities without consent from the Vice President for Facilities Management. Chalkings will only be approved under exceptional circumstances when they support a St. Thomas program or activity (for instance, university-sponsored art projects) and abide by other university policies (for instance, under the political activity policy, chalkings may not be partisan or support a political campaign). Approval will normally not be given to chalkings that merely advertise events. The Vice President for Facilities Management will consult with the Vice President for Student Affairs for requests involving student activities.

St. Thomas reserves the right to remove unauthorized chalkings and may hold individuals or groups responsible for violations of this policy or damage to university property.