



# SUNY Orange Policy Manual

Policy Number	Policy Title
BP2.36	Curatorial Statement at Art Exhibitions

Orange County Community College's galleries and display spaces throughout its campuses are integral to the academic mission, as well as the cultural and intellectual life of the College and the larger community.

The College, as a public institution dedicated to upholding those liberties set forth by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, is committed to providing safe and accessible exhibition spaces that welcome free expression and offer free access to ideas representing all points of view.

Throughout the year, a rotating series of exhibitions may be on display in one or more of the College's gallery spaces. Works for these exhibitions may be acquired from members of the College community, local art groups and societies, or individual artists. Orange County Community College may serve as sole curator for these exhibitions, or may host exhibitions in collaboration with community groups who curate their members' works.

All art exhibitions presented by the College on its own campuses or elsewhere at off-site locations, as well as those exhibitions that are hosted in College facilities in association with outside organizations, agencies or artists, must include a curatorial statement in a prominent location.

The purpose of the curatorial statement will be to offer visitors to the exhibition space a sense of what the exhibition contains so that the visitors may decide whether they wish to proceed into the space and view the designated exhibition; remind visitors that the works in the exhibition represent the views of the individual artists, not necessarily those of Orange County Community College; and provide contact information for the exhibition curator(s).

The Board of Trustees directs the President to develop such procedures as to fairly implement this policy.

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