

Pitzer College

Claremont, CA • Private School



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The College Free Speech Rankings are based on student surveys, campus policies, and recent speech-related controversies.

OVERALL RANK

218 ▲

/257

▲ -38 FROM 2024

GRADE

F

— F FROM 2024

SPEECH CONTROVERSIES

1

0 FROM 2025

Overview

Pitzer College ranks 218 out of 257 schools in the 2026 College Free Speech Rankings, earning a score of 52 and an F speech climate grade. The college has a “yellow light” Spotlight rating, and it lacks commitments to the Chicago Statement and institutional neutrality.

Student opinion paints a mixed picture. Pitzer places in the top 25 for “Openness,” suggesting lively discussion among peers, yet the school ranks in the bottom 25 for both “Disruptive Conduct” and “Political Tolerance.”

Pitzer could make rapid progress by revising its speech policies to earn a “green light” Spotlight rating, as well as formally adopting the Chicago Statement and a statement on institutional neutrality and establishing clear consequences for disruptions that silence invited speakers.

Spotlight Rating

Yellow



FIRE's Spotlight database annually rates regulations on student expression based on the extent to which they restrict free speech.

If you are a school administrator and would like to discuss your rating, reach out to speechcodes@thefire.org.

Visit our website: <https://rankings.thefire.org/> for more information.

HIGHLIGHTS



46% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



82% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.



33% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

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There are roughly 26.02 liberal students for every one conservative student.

Institutional Neutrality

NOT ADOPTED



Chicago Statement for Free Speech

NOT ADOPTED



SCORE DEEP DIVE

COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS

D

▼ DECREASE

DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

C-

▲ INCREASE

OPENNESS

C+

▼ DECREASE

SELF-CENSORSHIP

D-

▼ DECREASE

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

F

▲ INCREASE

POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▲ INCREASE

SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

0

STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

0

DEPLATFORMINGS

1