

OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE SOUND POLICY

The mission of the Office of Student Life is to enhance the quality of life of Eastern Kentucky University students by supporting the university's commitment to the academic success and holistic development of each individual student. In support of this mission, the Office of Student Life has established this policy:

It is recommended that a decibel level in the outdoor areas of the Ravine/Amphitheater and Powell Student Center (PSC) of between 85-95 (maximum of 85 decibels on PSC Corner), as measured 25 feet from the speaker source, when music was being played or performed. This decibel level should result in a decibel reading in the neighboring classrooms that would allow classroom instruction and conversation to be heard comfortably.

Procedure:

1. Requestor will be informed of the sound policy at the time of the reservation request, by the Office of Student Life (OSL).
2. OSL will require Requestor to sign a letter of understanding, agreeing to adhere to the 90 – 95 decibel level range, as measured by the OSL Decibel Sound Meter, before they are permitted to reserve the PSC outdoor areas. The letter will also address consequences for violations of the sound policy.
3. Before the event begins, Requestor must do a sound check with OSL and the PSC Sound Technicians to determine the decibel reading. The sound check will be 15 minutes before the scheduled performance.
4. OSL may measure decibel levels at any time, to ensure sound is below 95 decibels.
5. OSL decibel meters are the only equipment recognized for use in determining appropriate decibel levels.

Violations:

During a plaza musical performance, the OSL staff will alert the performers or responsible party when a sound violation has occurred (i.e. exceeding 95 decibels). No more than three minutes will be allowed to correct the volume to an acceptable level. If a violation occurs during that event, a letter will be provided to the responsible party notifying them that a violation has occurred. By violating this policy, the responsible party may be subject to a restriction on future reservations. Copies of the notification will be sent to the responsible party or RSO president, advisor, and will be kept on file in the OSL.