

**Policy Title: ACADEMIC FREEDOM**

Mid-State Technical College is committed to upholding and preserving principles of academic freedom. The College affirms the vital role of diverse perspectives in its mission to transform lives through the power of teaching and learning. Employees and students share responsibility for fostering a climate that is favorable to the free exchange of ideas. Freedom of speech and expression extends to all members of the academic community.

The principles of academic freedom protect freedom of inquiry and research, freedom of teaching, and freedom of expression and publication. Faculty are entitled to freedom in discussing their subject including discussing controversial matters related to their academic assignment or subject in a neutral way to represent diversity of thought.

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