



POLICY

Title: FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND EXPRESSION	Code: G0050
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Milwaukee Area Technical College recognizes that experiencing a wide array of ideas, viewpoints, opinions and creative expression is an integral part of the education process. The rights of freedom of speech and expression are fundamental and essential to an individual's intellectual and social development through debate and the sharing of ideas, which are the foundation of educational institutions.

The responsibility of the college to operate and maintain an effective and efficient institution of higher education requires the regulation of the time, place and manner of assembly, speech and other expressive activities on MATC property. In keeping with this responsibility, students, faculty and staff are free to exercise the rights to assemble and engage in expressive activity in a constitutionally protected manner, subject only to the content-neutral regulations necessary to fulfill the mission and obligations of the college, preserve the rights of others, coordinate multiple uses of limited space, assure preservation of the facilities and property, and assure financial accountability for any damage caused by these activities.

Freedom of expression does not extend to actions that are illegal under applicable laws. This policy does not endorse, or relieve any person from legal liability for actions that amount to libel, slander, or obscenity. By supporting the exercise of free speech and expression on campus, the college does not sanction the messages that are being declared or the methods of expression used, unless expressly stated otherwise.

Inquiries or questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Office of General Counsel.