

SECTION: GENERAL

SUBJECT: FREE SPEECH

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**Background:** The purpose of the policy is to operate within a constitutional and legal framework that protects free expression and speech. This policy is grounded in several foundational principles and requirements:

**Point of Contact:** Office of Provost

**Other LCSC offices directly involved with implementation of this policy, or significantly affected by the policy:** Academic Affairs

**Date of approval by LCSC authority:** 12/11/2025

**Date of State Board Approval:** N/A

**Date of Most Recent Review:** N/A

**Summary of Major Changes incorporated in this revision to the policy:** New Policy

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In accordance with federal and state laws, as well as Idaho State Board of Education Policy, LC State supports the rights of free expression and speech. The First Amendment forbids public entities from restricting or regulating expression because of message or ideas.

LC State has articulated this commitment in additional policies and the annual Student Handbook:

[Policy 2.101 Academic Freedom and Responsibility](#)

[Policy 4.114 Use of LC State Campus Spaces](#)

[LC State Student Handbook Student Rights and Responsibilities](#)