



FREE SPEECH AND CIVIC EDUCATION POLICY

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1. Policy Purpose

In accordance with Utah Code § 53B-1-118(3)(e), Mountainland Technical College (MTECH) provides opportunities for education and research on free speech and civic education.

2. Definitions

Civic Education - Education related to the theoretical, political, and practical aspects of citizenship, particularly in regard to a citizen's political and civil rights and responsibilities as well as their role in government processes.

Free Speech Education - Education regarding the Right to Free Speech as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

3. References

Utah Code 53B-1-118(3)

4. Policy

- 4.1 Mountainland Technical College provides opportunities for education and research on free speech and civic education.
- 4.2 Free speech and civic education are available to students and employees upon request.

- 4.2.1 MTECH will publish information on the availability of free speech and civic education in commonsense locations including student and employee handbooks, and orientation materials.
- 4.2.2 MTECH will annually train employees on the separation of personal political advocacy from MTECH's business and employment activities.
- 4.3 Students wishing to engage in personal research related to free speech and civic education must schedule with the testing center to use a lab computer during normal operating hours.
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5. Evaluation History

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This policy was approved by the Board of Trustees and adopted on 05/21/2025.		