Annual Report to the Governor and Legislature on the Status of Campus Free Expression

August 31, 2026

Pursuant to Act 666 of the 2018 Regular Legislative Session, Act 727 of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session, and Act 584 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session of the Louisiana Legislature, codified at R.S. 17:3399.31 through 3399.41

Each institution shall annually submit a report to the governor and the legislature regarding any barriers to or incidents against free expression that occurred at the institution. The report shall detail the barrier or incident as well as actions taken in response to the barrier or incident. If an institution is sued for an alleged violation of a right guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, the institution shall submit a supplementary report with a copy of the complaint to the governor and the state legislature within thirty days of receipt of the complaint. Each institution shall post all reports pursuant to this Section on its website.

Barriers to or Incidents Against Free Expression During the 2025-2026 Academic Year

The Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges System (LCTC) fully committed to meeting the requirements outlined in Acts 666, 727, and 584 by continuing to promulgate a comprehensive System-wide policy on campus free expression and coordinating the development of college policies on campus free expression. LCTC collaborated with the Board of Regents and the other three Systems of higher education to revise our System and college policies to align with each iteration of legislation through Regular Legislative Session in Louisiana. All LCTC member colleges continue to comply with updates to their college policies. As of August 1, 2026, there were no reported barriers to or incidents against free expression at any LCTC member college for the 2025-2026 academic year. This report will be posted to the LCTC website.

Training

LCTC continues to update and train Chief Student Affairs Officers and other Student Affairs staff as needed and with each state law and policy revision. For sustained and continuous training, the 2019 workshop was converted into an online, self-paced course through Canvas, LCTC's online learning platform. The following topics are covered in all LCTC free expression training: a general overview of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and the types of expression covered and not covered; legislative Acts of Regular Sessions of the Louisiana Legislature; LCTC Policy #2.018; free expression in higher education case studies; and best practices in college process and procedure.

The online course is made available to Student Government Association (SGA) representatives and any other student leader recommended by student organization advisors. Providing this information to

student leaders will empower them to educate their fellow students about the rights afforded to them and the necessity of time, place, and manner limitations.

Subsequent Free Expression Reports

Pursuant to LCTC Policy #2.018, each LCTC college shall continue to submit a report on an annual basis by August 1 to the LCTC System Office. Annual reports will include any barriers to or incidents against free expression that occurred at the institution during the previous academic year. The report shall detail the barrier or incident as well as actions taken in response to the barrier or incident. If an institution is sued for an alleged violation of a right guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, the institution shall submit to the LCTC a supplementary report with a copy of the complaint within thirty days of receipt of the complaint. The System Office will submit all reports related to campus free expression to the Governor and the Legislature on behalf of its member institutions by January 1 of each year.