

Clark State College

Statement of Commitment to Free Speech Policy

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Owner: President

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Pursuant to SB 1 and Ohio Revised Code 3345.0216, Clark State College's Board of Trustees shall approve the following Statement of Commitment. This Statement of Commitment will be displayed anywhere where the mission statement of the college is published or displayed.

1. Clark State College declares that it will educate students by means of free, open, and rigorous intellectual inquiry to seek the truth.
2. Clark State College declares that its duty is to equip students with the opportunity to develop the intellectual skills they need to reach their own, informed conclusions.
3. Clark State College declares its commitment to not requiring, favoring, disfavoring, or prohibiting speech or lawful assembly.
4. Clark State College declares it is committed to create a community dedicated to an ethic of civil and free inquiry, which respects the autonomy of each member, supports individual capacities for growth, and tolerates the differences in opinion that naturally occur in a public higher education community.
5. Clark State College declares that its duty is to treat all faculty, staff, and students as individuals, to hold them to equal standards, and to provide them equality of opportunity, without regard to those individuals' race, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.