

**POLICY TYPE: Learner Success**

**POLICY TITLE: Newspaper (Student) Publication Board**

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Primary Administrator: Vice President for Learner Success

Location of Related Procedures: Office of Vice President for Learner Success

Madison Area Technical College believes in the inherent First Amendment right of students to express themselves through published artistic and editorial works, and that student publications – including a student newspaper -- offer an ideal opportunity for the teaching and learning of critical thinking in a hands-on environment. We also believe that the student press has a responsibility to follow press law and ethical standards as it strives to produce open, honest and fair publications. Student publications must be responsive to the needs of the student body and provide a forum for as many students as possible to express their views. As students express themselves in their publications, and exercise their rights to free speech, others in the college community have the right and duty to instruct and guide them on the principles of fair news coverage, political comment and aesthetic judgment in a manner befitting the standards of the Madison Area Technical College community. The Student Publications Board, in cooperation with the Student Publications Coordinator and student staff, is committed to making sure these goals become realities, though it shall play no role in the day-to-day operation of the publications.

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