

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

The School Committee recognizes the right of a teacher to discuss a wide range of social, economic, and political problems, as well as the right of a student to explore, question, and develop beliefs without interference from the teacher.

The School Committee believes, however, that freedom carries with it responsibility. Academic freedom also carries with it academic responsibility that is determined by the basic ideals, goals, and institutions of the local community as they are expressed in the goals and objectives of the school district.

As a consequence of its responsibility to guarantee academic freedom to both students and teachers, the School Committee expects that:

- A. All classroom studies will be curriculum-related, factual, objective, and impartial
- B. Teachers will create and maintain an atmosphere of open-mindedness and tolerance
- C. Teachers will not attempt, directly or indirectly, to limit or control students' judgment concerning any issue, but will make certain that full and fair consideration is given to the subject and that facts are carefully examined as to their accuracy and interpretation.

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