

Academic Freedom and Responsibility

District staff are expected to apply highest standards of professional responsibility within the framework of district policies and administrative procedures and the laws and rules of the State of Washington.

Learning is fostered and promoted in an atmosphere in which there is freedom to provide for the free and orderly flow and examination of ideas so that students may gain the skills to gather and synthesize information, discriminate between fact and opinion, discuss differing viewpoints, analyze problems, and draw conclusions. The instructional program shall respect the right of students to examine issues, have free access to information, learn in an environment free from prejudice and form, hold, and express their own opinions without personal prejudice or discrimination.

Teachers will exercise professional judgment when presenting subject matter. The appropriateness of the subject matter and maturity of the students shall be considered. Teachers are expected to make professional judgments regarding the selection of methods or techniques to be used. The teacher is expected to maintain a high professional standard of teaching and to employ the most effective teaching techniques to meet the district's mission.

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