

Personnel - Faculty Academic Freedom - BP4201

FACULTY

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The teacher should be free to think and to express ideas, free to select and employ materials and methods of instruction, free from undue pressures of authority, and free to act within his/her professional group. Such freedom should be used judiciously and prudently to the end that it promotes the free exercise of intelligence and student learning. Academic freedom is not an absolute. It must be exercised within the law and the basic ethical responsibilities of the teaching profession. Those responsibilities include:

1. An understanding of our democratic tradition and its methods.
2. A concern for the welfare, growth, maturity, and development of students.
3. The method of scholarship.
4. Application of good taste and judgment in selecting and employing materials and methods of instruction.

Legal Reference:

Education Code

51500. Prohibited instruction or activity (re: adverse reflection upon persons because of race, color, creed, national origin or ancestry)

51501. Prohibited means of instruction

51510. Prohibit study or supplemental materials

51511. Religious matters properly included in courses of study

51530. Prohibition and definition (re: advocating or teaching Communism with the intent to indoctrinate, etc.)

78907. Prohibited use of electronic listening or recording