



**Policy**

**4030 Academic Freedom- Faculty**

Recognizing that academic freedom is essential to the pursuit of truth in a democratic society, the district adheres to the following principles:

Faculty shall be free:

- A. To examine unpopular or controversial ideas to achieve course learning objectives, in discussion with students, and in academic research or publication.
- B. To recommend the selection of instructional materials.
- C. To make available library books and materials presenting all points of view.

While faculty have the right to present ideas and conclusions, which they believe to be in accord with available evidence, they also have the responsibility to acknowledge the existence of different opinions and to respect the right of others to hold those views.

When District employees speak or write as citizens, care should be taken to avoid the representation of any personal view as that of the District or its Colleges.

**References:**

Title 5, Section [51023](#); [Accreditation Standard II.A.7.](#)

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