

Policy 3.019. Academic Freedom – Certified Personnel

Within the confines of the curriculum and within the program and school supported activities, each staff member shall be free to think, to express ideas, and to select and employ materials. Such freedom should be used judiciously and prudently to the end that it promotes the free exercise of thought and pupil 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. The welfare, growth, maturity and development of students.
2. The standards of scholarship.
3. The application of good taste and judgment in selecting and employing materials and methods of instruction.

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