

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
POLICY MANUAL

SECTION: **4000**  
CATEGORY: **Personnel – Certified and  
Non-Certified**  
POLICY CODE: **4118.21/Academic Freedom**

**ACADEMIC FREEDOM**

**Policy Statement**

Academic freedom is the right and responsibility of educators and students to study, investigate, present, interpret and discuss in an unbiased manner all facts and ideas relevant to the subject matter of the classroom and approved curricula. (Care should be taken to point out when one is sharing a personal opinion and when one is communicating the educational curricula.)

The Trumbull Board of Education seeks to educate young people in the democratic process, to foster a recognition of individual freedom and social responsibility, and to inspire meaningful awareness of and respect for the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

The Board encourages teachers to develop critical thinking and judgment on the part of their students, and this should be consistent with the maturity and intellectual and emotional capabilities of the student.

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