

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

The Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education (the Board) seeks to educate young people in the democratic tradition, to foster recognition of individual freedom and social responsibility, to inspire a meaningful awareness of and respect for the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and to instill appreciation of the values of individual personality.

It is recognized that these democratic values can best be transmitted in an atmosphere which is free from censorship and artificial restraints upon free inquiry and learning and in which academic freedom for teacher and student is encouraged.

Academic freedom shall be guaranteed to teachers and no special limitation shall be placed upon study, investigation, presenting and interpreting facts and ideas concerning people, human society, the physical and biological world and other branches of learning subject to accepted standards of professional educational responsibility and teaching to the Board approved academic standards.

Freedom of individual conscience, association and expression shall be encouraged and fairness in procedures shall be observed both to safeguard the legitimate interests of the schools and to exhibit by appropriate example the basic objectives of a democracy.

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LEGAL REFS.: Constitution of Colorado, Article IX, Section 16
 C.R.S. 22-1-104
 C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(t)
 C.R.S. 22-32-110 (1)(r)

CROSS REF.: IGA, Curriculum Development
 IHA, Basic Instructional Program
 IHAL, Teaching About Religion
 IJJ, Instructional Resources and Materials Selection and Adoption
 IMB, Teaching about Controversial/Sensitive Issues
 IMBB, Exemptions from Required Instruction

CONTRACT REFS.: CSEA Master Agreement