

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

The school board, its teachers, administrators and support staff seek to educate students in the democratic tradition, to foster a recognition of the inherent responsibilities that must accompany individual freedoms to inspire meaningful awareness of and respect for the Constitution and Bill of Rights, and to instill appreciation of the value of individual personalities. The school board and its employees recognize that these democratic values can best be transmitted in an atmosphere which encourages inquiry and learning.

The school board and its employees understand the value of creating in the classroom an atmosphere which permits students to raise questions dealing with critical issues of the time, and which is conducive to the study, investigation, presentation and interpretation of facts which stress the interplay of ideas.

The teacher has the responsibility to assure that varying points of view are presented on critical issues. The teacher is responsible for exercising good judgment in selecting for discussion those relevant issues which are consistent with the maturity and understanding of the students involved.

Legal Authority:

Sections ~~230.22(1), 230.32(3)~~ 1001.41(1), (3); 1001.42(9), Florida Statutes

Laws Implemented:

Sections ~~230.23(3), 230.33~~ 1003.4505, Florida Statutes

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