

BP # 4030

BP Title: Academic Freedom

Initial once completed

1. Changes in revised policy saved as "Revised XXXX_date" in "Work in Progress" folder in the appropriate chapter Date: _____
2. Vice President or Director approves or submits revisions or new policy to Administrative Clerk Date: 2/18/2020 ~~no changes~~
3. The President approves or submits changes Date: 3/25/20 one edit on Reference
4. Board policies with board memo prepared for Board Meeting: 1st Reading date: _____ 2nd Reading date: 5/13/20
5. Official changes are made (including revision dates) and uploaded to the web
6. Tracking spreadsheet updated
7. Add to Outlook Annual/Monthly Appointment list located on 1st day of month on Outlook Calendar
8. The old document is moved to "Superseded" folder
9. Move "Revised XXXX Date" from "Work in Progress" folder into the main folder and rename as "BP XXXX Name of Document, Date" (date approved)
10. Update "ProcedureOrig&RevisionRecords" spreadsheet
11. Email appropriate Vice President or Superintendent/President an electronic version of the finished policy
12. Scan into Board Policies & Procedures (ct-prod-fs)\(W:)\Archive of Action Taken\ named BP XXXX & board approval date

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Reference:

Title 5, Section 51023; Accreditation Standard II.A.7.I.C.7.

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1. The instructor is entitled to full freedom in research and in the publication of the results, subject to the adequate performance of his/her other academic duties; but research for pecuniary return should be based upon an understanding with the authorities of the institution.
2. The instructor is entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing his/her subject, but he/she should be careful not to introduce into his/her teaching controversial matter which has no relation to his/her subject. Limitations of academic freedom because of religious or other aims of the institution should be clearly stated in writing at the time of the appointment.
3. The college or university instructor is a citizen, a member of a learned profession, and an officer of an educational institution. When he/she speaks or writes as a citizen, he/she should be free from institutional censorship or discipline, but his/her special position in the community imposes special obligations. As a person of learning and an educational officer, he/she should remember that the public may judge his/her profession and his/her institution as his/her utterances. Hence he/she should at all times be accurate, should exercise appropriate restraint, should respect other's opinions, and should make every effort to indicate that he/she is not an institutional spokesperson.

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ACCJC Accreditation Eligibility Requirement 20 and ACCJC Accreditation
Standard I.C.7

NOTE: *Boards are legally required to adopt a statement of academic freedom. The District should insert its current policy as developed collegially with the Academic Senate or collectively bargained, in this section.*

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