

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Academic Freedom

Academic freedom must be exercised within the law and the basic ethical responsibilities of the teaching profession. These responsibilities include:

1. An understanding of our democratic tradition and its methods.
2. A concern for the welfare, growth, maturity, and development of children.
3. The methods of instruction.
4. Application of good taste and judgment in selecting and employing materials and methods of instruction.
5. Recognition that the level of maturity of the learner must be considered when presenting controversial material.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 51500 Prohibited instruction
- 51501 Prohibited means of instruction
- 51510 Prohibited study or supplemental materials
- 51511 Religious matters properly included in course of study
- 51512 Prohibited use of electronic listening or recording device
- 51513 Materials containing questions about beliefs or practices
- 51530 Prohibition and definition; communism

Policy

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