ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Academic freedom shall be granted to teachers, and no special limitations shall be placed upon study, investigation, presenting and interpreting facts and ideas concerning man, human society, the physical and biological world and other branches of learning, subject to accepted standards of professional educational responsibility, good taste, and the realizations that teaching in an elementary or secondary school places special responsibility upon the teacher to carefully consider the maturity level of the student and special circumstances which surround the teaching/learning relationship.

While the teacher must be free to live according to his/her own conscience, so must the students and the public served. The teacher may not infringe upon the freedom of those served. Proselytism has no place in the public school. Opinion and theory should be clearly stated as such.

Specific Authority: 230.22(2) F.S. Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: 230.22(5); 231.09 F.S.

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