## **Academic Freedom**

Academic freedom is important in all areas of education. When controversial subjects are pertinent in a course or program area, the teacher will have the right to express a personal point of view, but the teacher will make it known that the point of view is his or her own.

The teacher has the responsibility to expose students to controversial ideas and issues within subject fields. Some of these ideas or issues may have political or religious overtones. In expressing a personal viewpoint, the teacher will not interfere with the political and religious opinions of students and will make no attempt at political or religious indoctrination of the students under his or her supervision.

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