

INSTRUCTION

Academic Freedom

Education may be fostered and promoted in an atmosphere in which academic freedom for staff is encouraged and promoted, with due consideration to the rights of the students and community. Teachers are entitled to academic freedom subject to accepted standards of professional responsibility within the framework of district policies and administrative procedures and the laws and rules of the state of Washington. These responsibilities include a commitment to democratic tradition; a concern for the rights, welfare, growth and development of children; objective scholarship; recognition of the maturity level of students; and a concern for the right of parent(s) or guardian(s) to have input and participate as partners in the educational process.

The district encourages staff members to provide for the free and orderly flow and examination of ideas so that students may gain the skills to gather and arrange facts, discriminate between facts and opinion, discuss differing viewpoints, analyze problems and draw their own tentative conclusions.