

Personnel - CertificatedAcademic Freedom

Academic freedom is essential to the fulfillment of the purposes of the Brookfield Public Schools. Brookfield teachers will be protected from censorship or restraint which unreasonably interferes with their obligation to expose students to controversial issues and to help students express their own views on such issues.

The teacher's responsibility should be to show objectivity in order that various sides of controversial issues are given. To carry out this responsibility, a teacher should be well informed in the areas being studied. It is recognized that any teacher has the right to have his or her own point of view and to express that view, but the teacher also has the responsibility to tell students that the statement is his or her view.

A public school must guard its environment from disturbing influences which might tend to inhibit learning. For this reason, individuals not involved in the teaching-learning process within the school must follow established procedures in making school contacts.

(cf. 6144 - Controversial Issues)

Legal Reference: Academic Freedom Policy (adopted by Connecticut State Board of Education 9/9/81)

Amendment To U.S. Constitution, Article I

Connecticut Constitution, ARTICLE FIRST,  
Declaration of Rights, Sections 4, 5

Keyishian v. Board of Regents 395 U.S. 589, 603 (1967)

Perry v. Sindermann, 408 U.S. 593 (1972)

Sterzing v. Fort Bend Independent School District,  
376F. Supp. 657 (S.D. Tex. 1972)

Grayned v. City of Rockford, 408 U.S. 104 (1972)

Miller v. California, 413 U.S. 15 (1973)

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