

ARTICLE FOUR - PROFESSIONAL EXPECTATIONS

(All sections of this article apply to all faculty, unless otherwise noted.)

A. Academic Freedom: The District, the Colleges and unit members will adhere to the following in regard to academic freedom:

1. Education in a democracy depends upon earnest and unceasing pursuit of truth and upon free and unrestricted communication of truth.
2. Faculty members shall be free to exercise academic freedom, including freedom of investigation, freedom of discussion in the classroom, freedom to select texts and other instructional materials, freedom of assignment of instructional exercises, and freedom of evaluation of student efforts.
3. Faculty members acknowledge that in the exercise of academic freedom they have a responsibility to be accurate and comprehensive in making reports, to be fair-minded in making interpretations and judgments, to respect the freedoms of other persons, to exclude irrelevant matters from classroom discussions and instructional exercises, and to make appropriate distinctions between statements of fact made as faculty subject matter specialists and opinions made as private citizens.
4. The District recognizes the fundamental right of the faculty member to be free from any censorship or restraint which might interfere with the faculty member's obligation to pursue truth and maintain his/her intellectual integrity in the performance of his/her teaching functions.

B. Personal Freedom

1. The personal life of a faculty member is not an appropriate concern of the District for the purposes of evaluation or disciplinary action unless it prevents the faculty member from performing his/her assigned duties or it calls for discipline under the provisions of the Education Code.
2. A faculty member shall be entitled to the full rights of citizenship and no religious or political activities, or lack thereof, of any unit member shall be used for purposes of disciplinary action.

C. The Faculty Member Shall:

1. Provide instructional and/or non-instructional services specified by the faculty member's contract and/or staff assignment sheet.
2. Maintain currency in subject matter and/or service area.
3. Instruct courses in a manner consistent with curriculum committee approved course outlines. Provide non-instructional services in a manner consistent with approved position description.