

**Freedom of Expression**

The Board seeks to educate young people in the democratic tradition, to foster recognition of individual freedom and social responsibility, and to inspire meaningful awareness of and respect for the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Academic freedom within the confines of state law and Board policy will be guaranteed to teachers in order to create in the classroom an atmosphere of freedom which allows students to raise questions dealing with critical issues.

The teacher is responsible for exercising judgement in selecting issues for discussion which are of educational value to the students involved. In each case, the Board expects issues to relate to the adopted curriculum. Concepts, materials, and strategies should be chosen with the age and maturity level of students in mind.

END OF POLICY

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United States Constitution, Articles I and XIV.  
Oregon Constitution, Article I, Section 8.