

IB – ACADEMIC FREEDOM

The teacher is entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing his/her assigned subject matter, but shall limit comments to that directly related to the curriculum established by the Board. It is recognized that curriculum may contain differences of ideas and fact, both in the present and past. It is important that students develop an understanding and appreciation for diverse ideas and people, the ability to know the difference between fact and opinion, and the skills to communicate with other people and debate issues.

The teacher should provide context using facts, present both sides of an issue, use age appropriate language and content, show respect for the opinions of others, and make note of personal opinion.

Statutory/Regulatory/Policy/Handbook Cross References

Handbook (Staff)

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