

Salinas Union High School District

Certificated Personnel

Policy #4119.24

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Wide latitude is sometimes claimed in the name of academic freedom. "Academic freedom" is historically the freedom of a scholar to teach the subject or subjects in which he is competent in such a way as to train students in the processes that are effective for intellectual pursuits. It is not freedom to propagandize for "causes," parties or sects. A teacher should respect this as a self-limitation. The school authorities and the public should feel a corresponding obligation to protect the teacher against interference in teaching a subject or subjects in which he is competent.

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