

Academic Freedom: Students

Reference: Title 5, Sections 51023, 51023.7; Education Code Section 76120; Accreditation Standard II.A.7

The Board of Trustees believes that students should have the right to listen, the right to decide, the right to choose, the right to reject, the right to express and defend individual beliefs, and that the educational purpose of the District is best served by this freedom of expression. As members of an academic community, students should be encouraged to develop the capacity for critical judgment and to engage in a sustained and independent search for truth. Institutional procedures for achieving these purposes may vary from one class to another, but the minimal standards of academic freedom of students are essential to the purpose for which a community college exists.

Students shall be free to take reasoned exception to the data or views offered in any course of study and to reserve judgment about matters of opinion, but they shall be responsible for learning the content of any course of study for which they are enrolled. Student performance shall be evaluated on a broad academic basis, not on opinions or conduct in matters unrelated to academic standards.

See Administrative Procedure 4030-0

(Formerly PVC Board Policies 5330 and 6420)

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