

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Academic freedom may be defined as the right of a qualified scholar to pursue the search for truth in its many forms and to make public his methods and findings. It is the right of a qualified teacher to encourage freedom of discussion of controversial questions in the classroom and to develop in his students a love of knowledge and a desire to search for truth. The teachers should keep in mind that academic freedom is not a political right guaranteed in the Constitution, but rather a necessary condition for the successful practice of the academic profession in a free society.

It is recognized that the application of the principle of academic freedom at the common school level involves considerations which are not equally present in college or university. The teachers should take into account the relative immaturity of their students and the need for guidance and help in studying the issues and arriving at balanced views.