



Butte-Glenn Community College District

BOARD POLICY

BP 4030 – Academic Freedom

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Reference: Title 5, Section 51023; Accreditation Standard II.A.7.

It is the responsibility of the Butte-Glenn Community College District to provide an institutional environment that encourages academic freedom and instills respect and commitment to the obligations required to maintain these freedoms.

Academic freedom represents the continual search for truth, and it includes protection for the teacher to teach and for the student to learn without coercion, censorship, or other forms of restrictive interference. Academic freedom recognizes that freedom to teach and freedom to learn imply both rights and responsibilities within the framework of the law. Free discussion and free access to information, therefore, are the heart of the continuing search for truth.

Faculty and administrators of the Butte-Glenn Community College District will be free from District censorship and discipline when speaking, [or] writing, or teaching. Faculty and administration when acting as representatives of the District will be accurate, objective, and encourage respect for the opinions of others, recognizing their responsibility for maintaining an environment of critical inquiry and constructive engagement in higher education.

There are no administrative procedures for this policy

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