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## ACADEMIC FREEDOM

“Academic freedom” is the opportunity of educators and students to study, investigate, present, interpret, and discuss facts and ideas relevant to the curriculum and course being taught, giving consideration to the maturity level of the students.

The Oyster River School District supports academic freedom for their teachers.

Teachers should be accurate, show respect for the opinions of others, and at all times comply with Board Policy GBI – Staff Participation in Political Activities, regarding staff political activities and speech.

Nothing in this policy should be construed to prohibit the (i) teaching of historical subjects, including for instance, discrimination, (ii) discussions related to current events, or (iii) efforts to promote equity and/or inclusion.

### Cross Reference:

- IMC – Controversial Topics, Speakers and Programs
- AC – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity
- ACE – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap/Disability
- ACE-R – Special Education Procedural Safeguards Handbook
- GBI – Staff Participation in Political Activities

### Legal References:

- RSA 193:40 Prohibition on Teaching Discrimination