

Silver Falls School District 4J

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Academic Freedom

The Board seeks to educate young people in the democratic tradition, to foster recognition of individual freedom and social responsibility, and to inspire meaningful awareness of and respect for the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Academic freedom, within the confines of state law and Board policy, will be guaranteed to teachers in order to create a classroom atmosphere that allows students to raise questions dealing with critical issues.

The teacher is responsible for exercising judgment in selecting issues for discussion which are of educational value to the students involved. Teachers should follow pre-approved curriculum and receive pre-approval from their school administrator and/or superintendent on any controversial topics, concepts, materials, or speakers to be presented.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.072](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 339.880](#)
[ORS 339.885](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050](#)
[OAR 581-021-0055](#)

Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 4071-4074 (2006).
Westside Cmty. Bd. of Educ. v. Mergens, 496 U.S. 226 (1990).
Hazelwood Sch. District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).
U.S. CONST. amend. I; U.S. CONST. amend. XIV.
OR. CONST., art. I, § 8.