

**SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
POLICY MANUAL**

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A. General Principles

The District is unequivocally and unalterably committed to the principle of academic freedom in its true sense which includes freedom to study, freedom to *learn* and freedom to teach and provide educational professional services to students.

Academic freedom encompasses the right of an instructor to discuss in the classroom pertinent subjects within his or her field of professional competency and consistent with course objectives, and for counselors, librarians and other academic employees to provide appropriate student services within their fields of professional competency and consistent with sound educational principles.

Interference with or censure of an academic employee by District officials or by outside individuals or groups because of the employee's proper treatment of pertinent subjects or provision of proper educational professional services to students is precluded by the principle of academic freedom.

Faculty cannot, however, expect academic freedom to be unlimited, for the right to exercise any liberty implies a duty to use it responsibly. Academic freedom does not give faculty freedom to engage in indoctrination. Nor can faculty invoke the principle of academic freedom to justify non-professional conduct.

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B. Textbook Selection

The College shall develop a procedure for the selection of textbooks that recognizes the basic right and duty of the faculty to be the primary agent in the process. Since students in most instances must purchase books, the procedure should take cognizance of the financial consideration that may be imposed upon the student.

C. Selection of Library Materials

The library faculty, as a part of the educational program, shall have the same freedoms guaranteed the teaching faculty and students and shall choose books and other resources based on their interest, information and potential for enlightenment of students. So far as practical, books and other resources will be selected to present all points of view concerning the problems and issues of our times, international, national, and local. No books shall be excluded because of the race, color, religion, sex, sexu
