

3310 ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Recognizing that respect for facts and an impartial search for truth is inherent in a democracy, it is the policy of the Westfield Public Schools to encourage unbiased and professionally directed study of controversial issues when such issues arise and relate directly to the course curriculum.

It is recognized that the application of the principle of academic freedom in the Westfield School System involves considerations which are not equally present in college or university. The teachers should take into account the age of their pupils and the need for guidance and help in studying the issues and arriving at balanced views. Additionally, the teachers must always respect the curriculum, students, administration and community.

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