



# Butte-Glenn Community College District

## BOARD POLICY

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### 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.

Academic freedom is the freedom to discuss all relevant matters in the classroom, to explore all avenues of scholarship, research, and creative expression, and to speak or write without institutional discipline or restraint on matters of public concern as well as on matters related to professional duties and the functioning of the College. Academic responsibility implies the faithful performance of professional duties and obligations, the recognition of the demands of the scholarly enterprise, and the candor to make it clear that when one is speaking on matters of public interest, one is not speaking for the institutions.

There are no administrative procedures for this policy.

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