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**LAKE-SUMTER STATE  
COLLEGE BOARD RULE**

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The District Board subscribes to the following statement regarding academic freedom:

Academic freedom and responsibility in teaching, research, and creativity are essential to Lake-Sumter State College. In the development of knowledge, research endeavors, and creative activities, college faculty and the student body must be free to cultivate a spirit of inquiry and scholarly criticism and to examine ideas in an atmosphere of freedom and confidence. Consistent with the exercise of academic responsibility, faculty must have the opportunity to study a full spectrum of ideas, opinions, and beliefs in acquiring maturity for analysis and judgment, and is expected to present such matters objectively and skillfully.

The faculty is expected to take the initiative in promoting its own growth individually as teachers, scholars, and professional and occupational practitioners.

The college instructor is a citizen, a member of a learned profession, and an academic officer of an educational institution. He or she should be constantly mindful that these roles may be inseparable in the public view, and that duties should be carried out in a professional, ethical, and collegial manner that enhances the purpose of Lake