

# Polk State College District Board of Trustees Rule

<b>Rule Number</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Rule Making Authority</b>	<b>Statutory Reference</b>	<b>SBE Rule Reference</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
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The District Board of Trustees respects the right of faculty members to teach, investigate, and publish within the broad scope of their professional duties and responsibilities. However, the Board also recognizes that these rights should not interfere with the overriding obligation of Polk State College to offer its students a sound education. Therefore, in matters of academic freedom, the District Board of Trustees has adopted the American Association of University Professors [AAUP] 1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom, including the 1970 Interpretive Comments as updated in 1989 and 1990 and the AAUP 1997 statement on Academic Freedom and Electronic Communications as updated in 2004 and 2013. These statements are both available at the AAUP site: [www.aaup.org](http://www.aaup.org).

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