

# INSTRUCTION

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## ACADEMIC EXPRESSION

The Charlottesville School Board seeks to educate young people in the democratic tradition, to foster recognition of individual freedom and social responsibility, to inspire meaningful awareness of and respect for the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Student Code of Conduct.

Freedom of individual conscience, association, and expression shall be encouraged and fairness in procedures shall be observed both to safeguard the legitimate interests of the schools and to exhibit by appropriate examples the basic objectives of a democratic society as set forth in the Constitutions of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Students may express their beliefs about religion in homework, artwork, and other written and oral assignments free from discrimination based on the religious content of their submissions. Such home and classroom work shall be evaluated by ordinary academic standards of substance and relevance and against other legitimate pedagogical concerns identified by the school.

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Legal Reference: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-78 22.1-203.3

Cross References: IKB Homework  
INDC Religion in the Schools