



**NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF  
SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS**

Title	<b>ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY IN THE COMMUNITY</b>
Authority	Board of Trustees
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The North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics is dedicated to the transmission and advancement of knowledge and understanding. Academic freedom is essential to the achievement of these purposes.

The School therefore supports and encourages freedom, within the law, of inquiry for faculty members and students so that they may responsibly pursue these goals through teaching, learning, research, discussion and publication, free from internal or external restraints that would unreasonably restrict their academic endeavors.

The School will protect faculty and students in their responsible exercise of the freedom to teach, to learn, and otherwise to seek and speak the truth.

Administrators, faculty and students of the School will share in the responsibility for maintaining an environment in which academic freedom flourishes, and the rights of each member of the academic community are respected.

Members of the faculty are expected to recognize that accuracy, forthrightness, and dignity befit their association with the School and their position as men and women of learning. They should not represent themselves, without authorization, as spokespersons for the School or for the University of North Carolina.

The School and the University will not penalize or discipline members of the faculty because of the lawful exercise of academic freedom in the lawful pursuit of their respective areas of scholarly and professional interest and responsibility.