OM 5.10.1 Oath to Support the Constitutions of the United States and of New York State

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About This Policy

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Section three thousand two of the New York State education law, as amended, requires the following:

It shall be unlawful for any citizen of the United States to serve as a teacher, instructor or professor in any school or institution in the public school system of the State or in any school, college, university or other educational institution in this state, whose real property, in whole or in part, is exempt from taxation under section four of the tax law unless and until he or she shall have taken and subscribed the following oath or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of New York, and that I will faithfully discharge, according to the best of my ability, the duties of the position of (title of position and name or designation of school, college, university or institution to be here inserted), to which I am now assigned."

The oath required by this section shall be administered by the President. In lieu of the oath administered by an officer, person or member, an employee may comply with the requirements of this section by subscribing and filing the following statement: "I do hereby pledge and declare that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New York, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the position of ............ according to the best of my ability."

Such an oath or statement shall be filed in the faculty member's personnel file.

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