

INSTRUCTION

Controversial Issues/Guest Speakers

The District shall offer courses of study that will afford learning experiences appropriate to the level of student understanding. The instructional program shall respect the right of students (1) to face issues, (2) to have free access to information, (3) to study under teachers in situations free from a teacher's prejudice; (4) and to form, hold, and express their own opinions in an atmosphere free of prejudice or discrimination.

Teachers shall guide discussions with thoroughness and objectivity to acquaint students with the need to recognize opposing viewpoints, the importance of fact, the value of judgment, and the virtue of respect for conflicting opinions.

Teachers shall present controversial issues in such a manner as to include a full examination of topics (pro and con) in a broad spectrum.

A speaker making a presentation would be required to meet the usual standards of language, appearance, and decorum in schools. The Superintendent is directed to develop procedures governing the use of guest speakers should they be invited to speak to students.

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