

INSTRUCTION

Controversial Issues/Guest Speakers

When a teacher desires to invite a guest speaker who will contribute to the curriculum by helping to achieve the goals and objectives of a course, the staff member will follow the procedure set out below:

- A. At least two weeks before the anticipated date the speaker will visit, the teacher will notify the principal of whom he/she wants to invite and state how the speaker's topic will relate to the curriculum and when the speaker will visit.
- B. If the teacher or the principal believes the guest speaker's topic is controversial, the speaker will be provided in advance with a copy of this controversial issues policy and procedures.
- C. In the event the speaker's topic is determined to be controversial by either party, the teacher will notify in writing each student's parent(s) or guardian(s) beforehand so that any parent who wishes not to have his/her student attend the presentation may request an alternative assignment of similar difficulty and equal grade value.
- D. Unless the principal approves otherwise, the teacher will not allow non-class members to hear the speaker.
- E. State and federal laws will be followed by guest speakers.

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