

## **Instruction**

**Summary:** Presentations and discussions of controversial or sensitive topics shall be age appropriate, consistent with the curriculum, informative, respectful of the rights and opinions of everyone, and not contain profanity or slander.

### **Teaching About Controversial Issues**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all school-sponsored presentations and discussions of controversial or sensitive topics in the instructional program, including those made by guest speakers, are:

- Age-appropriate. Proper decorum, considering the students' ages, should be followed.
- Consistent with the curriculum and serve an educational purpose.
- Informative and present a balanced view.
- Respectful of the rights and opinions of everyone. Emotional criticisms and hurtful sarcasm should be avoided.
- Not tolerant of profanity or slander. Disruptive conduct is prohibited and may subject a student to discipline.
- Staff shall discuss and/or review materials of a controversial or potentially controversial nature with the principal prior to presenting materials to students.

The District specifically reserves its right to stop any school-sponsored activity that it determines violates this policy, is harmful to the District or the students, or violates State or Federal law.

CROSS REF.: 6:40 (Curriculum Development), 6:255 (Assemblies and Ceremonies)

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