

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 283**

**SECTION/FILE** 632 **DATE OF ADOPTION** 09/30/75  
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**TITLE** Teaching About Controversial Issues

Students shall be afforded opportunities appropriate to their level of development and understanding to study, consider, and discuss controversial issues. All sides of a controversial issue are to be clearly and fairly presented. Staff members shall guard against advocating partisan causes, sectarian religious doctrines, or advancing prejudiced or self-held viewpoints. Students may be excused from participation in programs involving controversial issues upon written parental request. Appropriate arrangements shall be made for a meaningful alternative program of study.