

Teaching About Controversial and Sensitive Issues

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all school-sponsored presentations and discussions of controversial or sensitive topics in the instruction 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.
- Intolerant of profanity or slander.

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.

LEGAL REF.: Mahmoud v. Taylor, 606 U.S. 522 (2025).
Garcetti v. Ceballos, 547 U.S. 410 (2006)
Mayer v. Monroe Cnty. Cmity. Sch. Corp., 474 F.3d 477 (7th Cir. 2007).

CROSS REF.: 6.40 (Curriculum Development), 6.60 (Curriculum Content), 6.255, (Assemblies and Ceremonies), 6.260 (Suggestions or Objections to Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs)

ADMIN. PROC.: 6.260-AP1, 6.260-E1

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