SECTION 6 - INSTRUCTION

6:80 Teaching About Controversial Issues

~~**Please refer to the applicable collective bargaining agreement(s).**~~

The Superintendent 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.
- Not tolerant 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.

Conflict with Collective Bargaining Agreements

For employees covered by a Collective Bargaining Agreement ("CBA"), to the extent any provision of this policy conflicts with the applicable CBA, the terms of the CBA shall govern.

LEGAL REF.:

Mahmoud v. Taylor, 606 U.S. 522 (2025).

Garcetti v. Ceballos, 547 U.S. 410 (2006).

Mayer v. Monroe Cnty. Cmty. Sch. Corp., 474 F.3d 477 (7th Cir. 2007).

CROSS REF.: 6:40 (Curriculum Development), 6:255 (Assemblies and Ceremonies), 6:260 (Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs)