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## **698 CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES**

Free discussion of controversial issues is at the heart of the democratic process. Freedom of speech and free access to information are among our most cherished rights. Only through study of controversial issues – political, economic, or social – do youth develop abilities needed for citizenship in our democracy. Therefore:

The policy is to foster unprejudiced, scientific studies of controversial issues.

The study of controversial issues should be objective and scholarly.

***Legal References:*** U.S. Const., amend. I

***Cross References:*** MSBA/MASA Model Policy 603 (Curriculum Development)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 604 (Instructional Curriculum)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 606 (Textbooks and Instructional Materials)