

Controversial Speakers

The administration is expected to exercise judgment and to investigate fully those proposed resource speakers about whom questions may arise.

Teachers/Club sponsors should encourage the use of resource speakers representing various approaches and points of view on a given topic or issue in order to afford students a more comprehensive understanding of the topic/issue.

An appropriate record shall be made of each resource person/speaker used and of his/her presentation.

The ideas presented and the speaker invited to present them shall have a demonstrable relation to the instruction or co-curricular activity in which participating students are involved.

Prior to his/her participation, the speaker shall be given in writing and shall agree to abide by the following regulations:

1. Profanity, vulgarity and lewd comments are prohibited;
2. Tobacco use is prohibited;
3. Sexist, racial remarks or derogation of any group or individual is prohibited;
4. The teacher, club sponsor or member of the administration responsible for inviting the speaker has the right and obligation to interrupt or suspend the presentation if the conduct or content being presented by the speaker is judged to be in poor taste or endangers the health and safety of the students/staff.
5. A tape recording may be made of each such resource person's presentation.
6. The ideas presented and the resource person invited to present them shall have a demonstrable relation to the curricular or co-curricular activity in which the participating students are involved.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):