

## Controversial Speakers

The administration is expected to exercise judgment and to investigate fully those proposed resource speakers to whom questions may arise. The principal's approval shall be secured for all such persons and a tape recording shall be made of each such resource person's presentation.

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 cocurricular 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. Use of tobacco products or inhalant delivery systems is prohibited;
3. Sexist, racist 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. No person who is encouraging or advocating breaking the law shall be invited to speak.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 332.107](#)  
[ORS 336.067](#)

[OAR 581-022-1020](#)

**Cross Reference(s):**

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