

Controversial Speakers

No overall standard can be established which will automatically separate and exclude as a resource the person whose views or manner of presenting them may actually obstruct the educational process or endanger the health and safety of students or staff. However, the Board, in an effort to uphold the students' freedom to learn while also recognizing obligations which the exercise of this freedom entails, established the following guidelines.

1. The teacher/sponsor and administrator are expected to exercise judgment and to investigate fully those proposed resource persons to whom questions may arise.
2. Teachers/sponsors should encourage the use of resource persons representing various approaches or points of view on a given topic in order to afford the students a more comprehensive understanding of it.
3. An appropriate record shall be made of each resource person utilized and of his/her presentation.
4. The ideas presented and the resource person invited to present them shall have a demonstrable relation to the curricular or extra curricular activity in which the participating students are involved.
5. Prior to his/her appearance or participation, the resource person shall be given in writing and shall agree to abide by the following board regulations:
 - a. Profanity, vulgarity, and lewd comments are prohibited;
 - b. Smoking is not permitted while speaking with or consulting students;
 - c. The teacher/sponsor responsible for inviting the resource person, or any member of the administration, has the right and duty to interrupt or suspend any proceedings if the conduct of the resource person is judged to be in poor taste or endangering the health and safety of students and staff.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

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

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