

Multnomah Education Service District

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Community Resource Persons

One goal of education is to prepare students to participate constructively in a democratic, pluralistic society in which many differing opinions and causes are held and espoused. It is important students develop judgment, an understanding of divergent ideas, a capacity to discern the difference between fact and opinion, and to weigh arguments, slogans and appeals. Books, films and other media are valuable for giving students exposure to many differing ideas, but for effective learning it is also useful to invite appropriate non MESD educational and professional staff to speak to or meet with groups of students as part of their educational process.

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

1. The teacher/sponsor and administrator are expected to exercise judgment and to investigate fully those proposed resource persons about 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 to afford students a more comprehensive understanding;
3. An appropriate record shall be made of each resource person used and of that person's presentation;
4. 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;
5. The teacher/sponsor responsible for inviting the resource person, or any member of the school 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. Examples of inappropriate conduct are:
 - a. Profanity, vulgarity or lewd comments; and
 - b. Smoking while speaking or consulting with students

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 334.125\(7\)](#)

Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 4071-4074 (2006).

Westside Cmty. Bd. of Educ. v. Mergens, 496 U.S. 226 (1990).

MESD Policy Cross Reference(s):

AA - MESD Purpose and Goals

AD - Educational Philosophy

IA/IAA - Instructional Goals

IAB - Learning Supports to Enhance Achievement

IFD - Curriculum Adoption

IG - Instructional Design

II/IIA - Instructional Resources/Instructional Materials

IM - Evaluation of Instructional Programs

INB - Studying Controversial Issues

INCA - Political Figures in District Facilities

JA/JAA - Student Policies, Goals and Objectives

KA/KAA - MESD Community Relations Goals and Objectives

KGB - Public Conduct on MESD Property

KK - Visitors to District Facilities**