

Controversial Speakers

The administration is expected to exercise judgment in the selection of resource speakers, and to vet any proposed resource speakers about which controversial or political questions have arisen.

Teachers/club sponsors should encourage the use of resource speakers representing various approaches and points of view on a given topic or issue which may be considered controversial or provocative, 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 their 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 their 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. Smoking is not permitted;
3. Sexist, racial remarks or derogation of any group or individual is prohibited; and
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.