

Riverdale School District 51J

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Studying Controversial Issues

The district acknowledges that controversial issues are part of students' education. The development of the ability to meet issues without prejudice and to withhold judgments while facts are being collected, assembled and weighed, and to see relationships before drawing inferences or conclusions are among the most valuable outcomes of an effective educational system.

Teachers will endeavor to present both sides of controversial issues and should guard against giving personal opinions. Students will have the opportunity to:

1. Find, collect and assemble factual material on the subject;
2. Interpret the data without prejudice; and
3. Reconsider assumptions and claims in order to reach their own conclusions.

By refraining from expressing personal views, the teacher will encourage students to think for themselves.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 336.067](#)

[OAR 581-022-1020](#)

[OAR 581-022-1910](#)

U.S. CONST. amend. I.

OR. CONST., art. I.

Cross Reference(s):

IB - Freedom of Expression