

Administration recommends rescinding this policy. This policy no longer serves a purpose in guiding decision makers on having guest speakers. We trust administrators to make decisions based on common sense and good judgement.

6147-Controversial Speakers

~~A goal of education is to prepare students to participate constructively in a democratic, pluralistic society, in which many differing opinions are held and differing causes are espoused. It is important that students develop an understanding of ideas and people who may seem alien to them. It is also important that they develop judgment, a capacity to discern the difference between fact and opinion, and the ability to weigh arguments, slogans and appeals.~~

~~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 students' freedom to learn while also recognizing obligations which the exercise of this freedom entails, directs that specific guidelines will be established by District administration.~~

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~~LEGAL REFERENCE(S):~~

~~CROSS REFERENCE(S):~~

~~ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION: 6147-R~~