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

6147-R Controversial Speakers

The teacher/sponsor and school building administrator are expected to exercise good judgment and investigate fully the value of speakers as instructional resources.

Teachers/sponsors and building administrators should encourage balance in use of resource persons representing varying approaches or points of view on a given topic to afford students a more comprehensive understanding of it.

Teachers/sponsors and building administrators should assess the disruptive nature of pull-out programs or assemblies in the building academic program. An appropriate record and evaluation will be made of each resource person utilized and of his or her presentation. These records will be made available to the public upon request.

The ideas presented and the resource person invited to present them must relate appropriately to the curricular or co-curricular activity.

Parents/guardians of students will be notified at least one week in advance of any upcoming assembly topic or outside speaker who has been deemed potentially controversial. All assemblies on controversial topics will be optional.

Prior to his or her appearance or participation, the controversial resource person will be given in writing and must agree to abide by the following Board regulations;

- Profanity, vulgarity, and lewd comments are prohibited.
- Tobacco is not permitted on school premises.

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 a danger to the health and safety of students and staff.

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