

CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES/GUEST SPEAKERS

Controversial Issues

The district shall offer courses of study which will afford learning experiences appropriate to the level of student understanding. The instructional program shall respect the right of students to face issues, to have free access to information, to study under teachers in situations free from prejudice, and to form, hold, and express their own opinions without personal prejudice or discrimination.

Teachers shall guide discussions and procedures with thoroughness and objectivity to acquaint students with the need to recognize opposing viewpoints, the importance of fact, the value of judgment and the virtue of respect for conflicting opinions.

Guest Speakers

The Issaquah School Board values academic freedom for its certificated employees. The exercise of academic freedom shall be compatible with professional responsibility, adopted district curricula, negotiated policies, and the laws of the state of Washington.

Professional responsibility shall include a commitment to democratic tradition, a concern for the welfare, growth and development of students, respect for parental concerns, and an insistence upon balanced and objective scholarship.

In relation to instruction, the board regards the classroom teacher and other certificated employees as able to understand the students' needs, parental concerns and community standards.

On occasion, a certificated employee may find it appropriate to bring in a guest speaker to supplement instruction on a particular area or issue. The district encourages the extension of instructional experiences through the use of guest speakers.

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