

Controversial Speakers

Within the limitations imposed by the level of intellectual and emotional maturity of the students to be addressed, any faculty member may invite any speaker to address his/her students on any subject, the presentation of which is relevant within the general goals of the educational process and which is not prohibited by law.

It should be clearly understood that an invitation to a speaker to address students does not necessarily imply an endorsement of the views expressed by the speaker, nor are the District, administrative officers, or teachers required to take a stand either for or against the ideas presented by the speaker.

Prior to the invitation to an outside speaker who will present controversial material and consistent with professional courtesy and for the purpose of preserving a record, a faculty member, or a faculty group, will inform the principal of the school of the subject to be discussed and the names of all guest speakers. Dependent upon the judgment of the principal, he/she will inform the Superintendent. This orderly procedure will ensure that parents will be notified by either the teacher, principal of the school, or the Superintendent when deemed advisable.

The District assumes no obligation to provide an audience for outside speakers in its classroom activities. Requests by outside persons to speak to classes will be referred to the office of the Superintendent. Such requests will be reviewed and may be referred to the appropriate faculty member. When such referral is made, the faculty may act upon such requests at its own discretion.

Adopted: 12/17/01