

## **INSTRUCTION**

### **6:80 Teaching About Controversial Issues**

The Executive Director shall ensure that all school-sponsored presentations and discussions of controversial or sensitive topics in the instructional program, including those made by guest speakers, are:

- Age-appropriate. Proper decorum, considering the students' ages, should be followed.
- Consistent with the curriculum and serve an educational purpose.
- Informative and present a balanced view.
- Respectful of the rights and opinions of everyone. Emotional criticisms and hurtful sarcasm should be avoided.
- Not tolerant of profanity or slander.

The Cooperative specifically reserves its right to stop any school-sponsored activity that it determines violates this Policy, is harmful to the Cooperative or the students, or violates State or federal law.

LEGAL REF.:

Garcetti v. Ceballos, 547 U.S. 410 (2006).

Mayer v. Monroe Cnty. Cmty. Sch. Corp., 474 F.3d 477 (7th Cir. 2007).

CROSS REF.: 6:40 (Programs and Curriculum Development), 6:255 (Assemblies and Ceremonies)

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