

**SPEAKERS**

The Board, in an effort to uphold the students' freedom to learn while also recognizing the obligation and responsibility which the exercise of this freedom entails, establishes the following guidelines.

The teacher/sponsor and school building administrator are expected to exercise judgement and to investigate fully those proposed resource persons about whom questions may arise.

Teachers/sponsors should encourage the use of resource persons representing various approaches or points of view on a given topic in order to afford the students a more comprehensive understanding of it.

An appropriate record shall be made of each resource person utilized and of his/her presentation. Opposing points of view shall be equally explored.

The ideas presented and the resource person invited to present them shall have a demonstrable relation to the curriculum or co-curricular activity in which the participating students are involved.

Prior to his/her appearance, the resource person shall be given in writing and shall agree to abide by the following Board regulations.

1. Profanity, vulgarity and lewd comments are prohibited.
2. Smoking is not permitted.

The teacher/sponsor responsibility for inviting the resource person or any member of the school administration, has a right and duty to interrupt or suspend any proceedings if the conduct of the resource person is judged to be in poor taste or endangering the health and safety of student and staff.

When a faculty member in their good judgement, determines that a speaker or topic may be controversial or of a sensitive nature:

Parents will be notified of the topic and speaker and give permission for their child to participate in the class.

Any student not receiving parental permission shall be provided with an appropriate alternative instructional activity.

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