

FAIRVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

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<p>1. Guidelines</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">119. CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES</p> <p>The Board recognizes that controversial issues may be part of an instructional program. However, these issues shall be directly related to subject matter in a given grade level or specific curricular field. Judgment should be in evidence to demonstrate the appropriateness of the issue to the curriculum and the maturity of the students.</p> <p>In the presentation of all controversial issues, every effort should be made to effect a balance of biases, divergent points of view, and opportunity for exploration by the students into all sides of an issue.</p> <p>When controversial issues may arise in the regular daily operation of the curriculum, the following procedures shall be followed to assure the issue is relevant to the curriculum and applicable to the age group to which it is being taught:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The department head of the department involved shall file with the principal a description of the issue s/he or their department feels may be controversial. The principal shall make a determination, in consultation with the Superintendent or his/her designee, whether the issue is significant enough to warrant its removal from the curriculum. 2. The teacher of the course may, if s/he disagrees with the findings of the principal, request a full committee review. This committee will consist of all department heads, the guidance department and principal. 3. The description of the issue shall be reviewed by a committee consisting of the principal, department head, and guidance department of the particular building. 4. This committee will determine if the issue is significant enough to force its removal from the curriculum. However, the building principal shall retain the ultimate decision-making authority, in consultation with the Superintendent or his/her designee.
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<p>2. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Board directs the Superintendent to develop administrative procedures which will assure proper compliance with this policy.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4</p>
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