

Guest Speakers

The District encourages the extension of instructional experiences through the use of guest speakers. A sound education requires that students face issues and gain access to divergent points of view.

The District establishes the following procedures for the approval of the use of a guest speaker. When an invited speaker expresses opinions that are partisan or considered controversial by a large portion of the community, the school shall provide for the presentation of opposing views.

When a teacher believes that a guest speaker will contribute to the curriculum by helping to achieve the goals and objectives of the course, the staff member will follow the procedure set out below:

1. At least two days prior to the proposed visit, the teacher will notify the Principal of the name of the proposed speaker, how the speaker's topic will relate to the curriculum and the proposed date of the visit.
2. In the event the speaker's topic is determined to be controversial, the teacher will notify students beforehand that any student who wishes not to attend the presentation will have an alternative assignment.
3. The teacher will register the guest speaker on the day he/she speaks.
4. Approval of a guest speaker will be exercised in a manner consistent with the principles of free inquiry and expression.
5. If the Principal has reason to believe that the appearance of the guest speaker would not contribute to the curriculum or would be harmful to the students, he/she may deny the appearance of the guest speaker. If the teacher disagrees with the denial, he/she may appeal the decision to the Board.

Policy History:

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