

**MARISSA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #40**  
**Official Board Policy**

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**Instruction**

**Teaching About Controversial Issues**

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

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

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