

COMMUNITY RESOURCES PERSONS/SPEAKERS

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the School Committee's recognition of the appropriateness to utilize outside speakers that coordinate with the approved curriculum.

PHILOSOPHY:

The North Kingstown School Committee believes outside speakers are a valuable source as a teaching resource in the classroom. It is therefore imperative that teachers enlisting outside speakers ensure that all issues, facets, and questions are thoroughly studied. Outside speakers should be aware that controversy may spring from the most innocuous beginnings and be prepared for it to the best of their abilities.

POLICY STATEMENTS:

1. In order for parents to be notified about the utilization of any outside speaker a listserv message and hard copy notice must be sent out to parents at least one week before the day an outside speaker is utilized. The message should include the speaker's topic, group affiliation, how to obtain materials and handouts regarding subjects discussed, classroom in which the discussion will take place, and how the subject relates to the curriculum.
2. Outside speakers brought to the classroom should foster a spirit of inquiry. They must follow all school policies, and
 - a. The sign-in procedure established in IJOC.
 - b. Displaying and distribution of information or handouts must have prior Building Administrative approval.
 - c. Profanity, vulgarity, and lewd comments are prohibited.
3. The Building Administrator or Teacher sponsoring the speaker must read and approve the content of the presentation prior to delivery of presentation.
4. The Building Administrator or Teacher sponsoring the speaker shall have the authority to limit or suspend discussion if deemed inappropriate.

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