

## **Controversial Issues**

Controversial issues which have political, social or economic significance may be discussed in Belmont Public School classrooms after teachers have determined that the particular issues is suitable for study or discussion and that it is related to the curriculum. Teachers shall ensure that controversial issues are impartially presented in an atmosphere free from emotion and prejudice. Teachers shall not use their positions to express partisan points of view, nor shall they suppress any student's views as long as the student's expression is respectful toward others.

Teachers who wish to invite visitors to give presentations on controversial issues must have the Principal's permission and must inform the visitor of the above standards. Speakers may not use their position or influence to further their own views.

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