

## **Instruction**

### **Teaching About Controversial Issues**

The Executive Director shall ensure that all SASED 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.

SASED specifically reserves its right to stop any program or service sponsored activity that it determines violates this policy, is harmful to SASED or the students, or violates State or federal law.

LEGAL REF.: Garcetti vs. Ceballos, 547 U.S. 410 (2006)  
Mayer vs. Monroe Cnty. Cmty. Sch. Corp, 474 F.3d 477 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2007)

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

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