

## **Policy Information**

### **Series 7000 - Instruction**

#### **Controversial Materials**

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## **POLICY**

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### **SUBJECT: CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES**

One of the purposes of education is the preparation of students for effective citizenship. The Board of Cooperative Educational Services recognizes that such preparation includes knowledge of our cultural heritage and of the rights, privileges, and responsibilities each citizen enjoys. The Board further recognizes that such preparation must frequently include the study of issues which are controversial.

Any such study of controversial issues should be provided at a level appropriate to the student's readiness, under competent instructions and in an atmosphere where the student may express beliefs and form opinions without fear of jeopardy or reprisals. Balanced instructional materials pertinent to such controversial issues and appropriate to the level of the student(s) should be accessible to the student in order to assure the opportunity to examine all sides of an issue.

It is recognized that parents and citizens of the community have a right to object to perceived unfair and prejudiced presentations made by a teacher. In considering such objections, the District Superintendent shall provide for a hearing so that both parties may fairly express their views. If requested, the District Superintendent's decision may be appealed to the Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

Board Approved

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