

Policy Subject CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES	Location Code 410.1	Adoption Date 1/11/82
	Rescinds/Amends	Adopted

The board of education believes that the teacher in exercising his/her obligation to the students and to the community:

- a. Encourages the study of controversial issues within the area of the instructor's competence when such topics are appropriate to the learning situation.
- b. Recognizes the right of the student to study varying points of view and respects the right of the student to form an individual opinion. The board believes that teachers, administrators, and parents should be aware that to advocate some things is treason, but to teach about them is essential in order to alert youth to their dangers. They and their pupils should know that dictatorships build their propaganda on failures in democracy, therefore, pupils should be given experiences in studying the failures as well as the successes in democratic and other societies.