

A. W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: CURRENT EVENTS

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	<p style="text-align: center;">119. CURRENT EVENTS</p> <p>1. Purpose The Joint Operating Committee believes that consideration of current events has a legitimate place in the instructional program of the Career Center.</p> <p>Properly introduced and conducted, consideration of such events can help students learn to identify important issues, explore fully and fairly all sides of an issue, weigh carefully the values and factors involved, and develop skills for formulating and evaluating positions.</p> <p>2. Definition For purposes of this policy, a current event is a topic on which opposing points of view have been promulgated by responsible opinion and is not expressly enumerated in the course guide as appropriate for the course of study.</p> <p>3. Authority The Joint Operating Committee shall permit the introduction and proper educational use of current events, provided that their use in the instructional program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is related to the course's instructional goals and the students' level of maturity. 2. Does not tend to indoctrinate or persuade students to a particular point of view. 3. Encourages balanced presentations and open-mindedness. 4. Is conducted in a spirit of scholarly inquiry. <p>The Joint Operating Committee recognizes that some deviation from the assigned course guide is necessary in the free exchange of the classroom. However, the Joint Operating Committee specifies for the guidance of the Executive Director and staff that any discussion of current events in the classroom shall be conducted in an unprejudiced and dispassionate manner and shall not disrupt the educational process. <u>Current event topics must be related to each program's - Program of Study Task List as issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.</u></p>
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