

Central Greene School District

Section PROGRAMSTitle CURRENT EVENTSCENTRAL GREENE SCHOOL DISTRICTDate Adopted October 21, 1981

Guide		Reference
	<p style="text-align: center;">119. CURRENT EVENTS</p> <p>1. <u>Purpose</u> The Board believes that the consideration of current events has a legitimate place in the instructional program of the schools. Properly introduced and conducted, the 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 factor involved, and develop techniques for formulating and evaluating positions.</p> <p>2. <u>Definition</u> For purposes of this policy, a current event is a topic on which opposing points of view have been promulgated by responsible opinion.</p> <p>3. <u>Authority</u> The Board will permit the introduction and proper educational use of current events provided that their use in the instructional program is approved in the appropriate course guide; is related to the instructional goals of the course of study and level of maturity of the students; does not tend to indoctrinate or persuade students to a particular point of view; encourages fair presentation and open-mindedness; is conducted in a spirit of scholarly inquiry; is instigated by curricula design, or by the students themselves, but not by a source outside the schools; and is not related to the employment status of the teacher and/or other employees of the district.</p> <p> The Board recognizes that some deviation from the assigned course guide is necessary in the free exchange of the classroom. However, the Board specifies for the guidance of the Superintendent and, through administrative directive, the guidance of the 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, fail to match the maturity level of students, or be unrelated to the goals of the district and the appropriate course guide.</p>	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44

4. Delegation
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In the discussion of any event, a teacher may express a personal opinion, but shall identify it as such, and must not express such an opinion for the purpose of persuading students to his/her point of view.

The Superintendent shall assist teaching staff members in developing an alertness to the occurrence of current events in the context of the curriculum; developing techniques for the management of current events which do not stifle a spirit of free inquiry; and obtaining prior written approval for material liable to be considered controversial.