

**Board of Trustees
Douglas County School District**

PROGRAM

CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

The Board of Trustees believes that the consideration of controversial issues has a legitimate place in the instructional program of the schools. Properly introduced and conducted, the consideration of such issues 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 techniques for formulating and evaluating positions. For purposes of this policy, a controversial issue is a topic on which opposing points of view have been expressed by responsible opinion.

The Board will permit the introduction and proper educational use of controversial issues provided that their use in the instructional program does not present a secular or denominational doctrine and is related to the instructional goals of the class and level of maturity of the students, encourages drawing upon information and insights from a wide range of resources.

Any selection of supplemental materials to be used in the instruction of any lesson, including controversial issues, must follow the selection procedures as stated in BP 203.

Reference: NRS 388.150
BP 203

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