

**Instruction****Opportunity School****Teaching About Controversial Issues**

The Director shall ensure that all school-sponsored presentations and discussions of controversial or sensitive topics in the instructional program, including those made by guest speakers, are:

- Age-appropriate. Proper decorum, considering the students' ages, should be followed.
- Consistent with the curriculum and serve an educational purpose.
- Informative and present a balanced view.
- Respectful of the rights and opinions of everyone. Emotional criticisms and hurtful sarcasm should be avoided.
- Not tolerant of profanity or slander. Disruptive conduct is prohibited and may subject a student to discipline.

The Cooperative specifically reserves its right to stop any school-sponsored activity that it determines violates this policy, is harmful to the Cooperative or the students, or violates State or federal law.

ADOPTED:            September 8, 2010