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**TEACHING ABOUT CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES**

The Board of Education recognizes their broad responsibility for providing for a course of study in the schools that is appropriate to the age and

broad parameters of curriculum, a teacher must be free to engage the classroom discussion and debate in order to stimulate the exchange of ideas and critical

1. review carefully any and all material to be distributed to students with the understanding that they will be responsible and accountable for all materials distributed; and
2. notify the Director of the Department in advance of the dissemination of any material likely to be considered controversial by staff, class or community.

The Chairperson will review the materials pursuant to the guidelines above.

Ref: *Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District*, 393 U.S. 503 (1969) (students have First Amendment rights)  
*Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier*, 484 U.S. 260 (1988) (limitations on students First Amendment rights in an educational setting)

Board over educational affairs with student's constitutional rights)  
*Appeal of Malverne Union Free School District*, 29 Educ. Dep't. Rept. 363 (1990) (teachers First Amendment rights in an educational setting)  
*Appeal of O'Connor*, 29 Educ. Dep't. Rept. 48 (1989) (notification prior to