

MUHLENBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: CURRENT EVENTS

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119. CURRENT EVENTS	
1. Purpose	The Board believes that consideration of current events has a legitimate place in the educational program of the schools. Properly introduced and conducted, discussion 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 and opinions.
2. Definition	Current event topics are significant, real and important to the students and relevant to the curriculum. Significant issues are those which, in general, concern considerable numbers of people, are related to basic principles, or at the moment are under consideration by the public, press and mass media.
3. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.4	<p>The Board 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 educational 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 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 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.</p> <p>The Board further specifies that any discussion of current events shall match the maturity level of students, and be related to the goals of the district and the appropriate course guide.</p>

4. Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations for the management of current events and provide for conscientious and professional decision-making in selection of topics and materials used to discuss current events in the classroom.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4

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