

IFBH RESOURCE SPEAKERS (Cf. IKB)

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The freedom to learn is no less desirable than other freedoms found in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. One goal of education is to prepare students to participate constructively in a democracy and a pluralistic society; therefore it is important that students develop an appreciation of different ideas and different people. It is also important that they develop judgment and an ability to discern the difference between fact and opinion and to weigh arguments, slogans and appeals. Books, films, videos and other media are valuable for giving students exposure to many differing ideas; but for effective learning, it is also useful to invite appropriate persons, not on the staff, to speak to or meet with, groups of students as part of the educational process.

No overall standard can be established which will automatically separate and exclude a person whose views or manner of presentation may actually obstruct the educational process or jeopardize the health and safety of students or staff. However, in an effort to uphold the students' freedom to learn while also recognizing obligations which the exercise of this freedom entails, the board does establish guidelines, found in IFBH-R, that govern the selection of resource speakers to be used in any attendance center in the district.

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The teacher/sponsor and school building administrator are expected to exercise judgment and to investigate fully those who are being considered as resource speakers in the district.

Teachers/sponsors should encourage the use of resource persons representing various points of view in order to help students gain a more comprehensive understanding of any topic.

The ideas presented and the resource person invited to present them shall have a demonstrable relation to the curricular or extracurricular activity in which the participating students are involved.

Prior to appearance or participation, the resource speaker shall be given a copy of this policy and rules, and each speaker shall agree to abide by these regulations:

- 1). Profanity, vulgarity and lewd comments are prohibited;
- 2). Any language that calls for a student strike or that may incite a riot is prohibited;
- 3). Smoking is not permitted while speaking or consulting with students; and
- 4). Use of controlled substances or other illegal activity may not be encouraged or advocated.

The teacher/sponsor or any member of the school administration responsible for inviting the resource speaker has the right and duty to interrupt or suspend any proceedings if the resource speaker, by his/her conduct, is judged to have disregarded the agreement to abide by these regulations.

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