

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: CURRENT EVENTS

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BETHEL PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Definition</p> <p>3. Authority</p> <p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">119. CURRENT EVENTS</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For purposes of this policy, a current event is a topic on which opposing points of view have been promulgated by responsible opinion and is not expressly enumerated in the course guide as appropriate for the course of study.</p> <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, fail to match the maturity level of students, or be unrelated to the goals of the district and the appropriate course guide.</p> <p>In the discussion of any event, a teacher may express a personal opinion but shall identify it as such and must not express an opinion for the purpose of persuading students to his/her point of view.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall assist teaching staff members to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop an awareness of the occurrence of current events in the context of the curriculum. 2. Develop techniques for the management of current events that do not stifle a spirit of free and scholarly inquiry, but are sensitive to community standards and cultural differences.
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