

LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: CURRENT EVENTS

ADOPTED: May 28, 2002

REVISED:

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.
2. Definition	For purposes of this policy, a current event is a topic not expressly enumerated in the course guide as appropriate for the course of study.
3. Authority	<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 instructional 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. 5. Is instigated by curricular design or by the students themselves. 6. Is not related to the employment status of the teacher and/or other employees of the district. <p>When current events have not been specified in the course guide, the Board shall permit instructional use of only those issues that have been approved by the principal.</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</p>

<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>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 obtain prior approval for material likely to be considered controversial.</p>
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