

BRANDYWINE HEIGHTS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: CURRENT EVENTS

ADOPTED: June 28, 2004

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	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.
4. Delegation of Responsibility	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.