



Book	BHASD Policies
Section	100 Programs
Title	Current Events
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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.

Definition

A **current event** is defined as a contemporary topic related to the course.

Authority

Any discussion of current events in the classroom shall be conducted in an unprejudiced and dispassionate manner, shall not disrupt the educational process and must not express an opinion for the purpose of persuading students to his/her point of view.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Board shall permit the introduction and proper educational use of current events, provided that their use in the instructional program is related to the course's educational goals and the students' level of maturity and: [\[1\]](#)

1. Does not tend to indoctrinate or persuade students to a particular point of view.
2. Encourages balanced presentations and open-mindedness.
3. Is conducted in a spirit of scholarly inquiry.
4. Allows students to develop skills for formulating and evaluating positions and opinions.

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