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POLICY

It is the policy of the Seattle School Board to provide programs, courses of study, and activities, which will afford learning experiences, appropriate to the age and level of student understanding. The Seattle Public Schools shall respect the right of students to face issues; to have free access to information; to study under competent teachers in situations free from prejudice; and to form, hold, and express their own opinions without the threat of prejudice or discrimination. Principals, teachers and other professional staff are responsible: to present programs and guide discussions with thoroughness and objectivity; and to expose students to differing viewpoints, the importance of fact, the value of judgment, and the virtue of respect for conflicting opinions. Common sense will apply in situations in which controversial issues are presented or discussed. In such discussions, alternate points of view will be acknowledged or explored.

Cross reference: D150.00 Religion