# CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION Standard Instructional Program Controversial Issues

This policy supersedes Policy 3280.2.

# I. PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for the study of controversial issues.

## II. SUMMARY OF CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION

This policy has been reviewed, and there are no changes at this time.

## III. PHILOSOPHY

The preparation for effective citizenship includes the study of issues that are controversial. The study of controversial issues shall create an atmosphere in which knowledge can be freely imparted and the critical thinking of students can be developed through research and classroom discussion, within the guidelines of the Program of Studies.

## IV. PROCEDURES

Such studies shall be carried out in an atmosphere of freedom from bias, prejudice, or coercion.

Policy

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