

Purpose

To support the use of guest speakers within Allegany County Public Schools (ACPS) while ensuring speaker content aligns with curriculum, student maturity, safety, and ethical conduct.

Definitions

Controversial Issue – a point or matter about which there exists significant opposing viewpoints and/or multiple perspectives.

Curriculum – the prescribed elements of programs and courses which state clearly and specifically what students are to know and be able to do, how well they will be able to do it, how they will meet the learning objectives, and by what means they will be assessed.

Policy Statement

The Board supports the use of approved guest speakers in schools for curriculum enrichment and to enhance extracurricular opportunities to equip each and every student to be an empowered learner and an engaged citizen. The Board supports the use of guest speakers as a resource to promote instruction that fosters inquiry, creative thinking, complex problem solving, and collaboration.

Related Policy and Regulation

ACPS Policy Educational Philosophy AD and Regulation AD-R2 (2005)
ACPS School Community Relations Goals KA (1993)

This policy shall be effective July 1, 2026.

Legal Reference	Policy History	Adopted	Reviewed	Revised
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