

Banks School District 13

Code: **INB**
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Orig. Code(s): INB

Controversial Issues

The Board recognizes that free discussion of controversial issues is an important part of the democratic process and that freedom of speech and free access to information are among the most cherished rights of citizens. Therefore, the Board supports the discussion of controversial issues in district classrooms in order for students to learn to assess facts and opinions and draw conclusions. Such discussion shall accord all students the right to express opinions and shall not be conducted with the intent or effect of imposing on any student a set of values which offends or is in opposition to the student's own beliefs or those of his/her family.

Such discussions shall be handled in accordance with regulations developed by the superintendent and approved by the Board.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 336.067

OAR 581-022-1020

OAR 581-022-1910

United States Constitution, Amendment I
Oregon Constitution, Article 1

Cross Reference(s):

IB - Academic Freedom