

Instruction--Elementary and Secondary

CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

In the study of controversial issues in the public schools, the pupil has four rights to be recognized:

1. The right to study any controversial issue which has political, economic, or social significance and concerning which the student, at an appropriate level, should begin to have an opinion;
2. The right to have free access to all relevant information, including the materials that circulate freely in the community;
3. The right to study under competent instruction in an atmosphere free from bias and prejudice; and
4. The right to form and express an opinion on controversial issues without thereby jeopardizing the student's relations with the teacher or the school.

The principal is responsible for the administrative implementation of this policy.

Specific Authority: 230.22(2) F.S.

Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: 230.22(1) and (5); 230.23(7) F.S.

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