

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: CURRENT EVENTS

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Palmyra Area School District

	119. CURRENT EVENTS
1. Purpose	<p>The Board believes that the consideration of current events has a legitimate place in the instructional program of the schools.</p> <p>Properly introduced and conducted, the consideration of such events can help students learn to identify important issues, explore fully and fairly all sides of an issue, weigh carefully the values and factors involved, and develop techniques for formulating and evaluating positions.</p>
2. Definition	<p>For purposes of this policy, a current event is a topic on which opposing points of view have been promulgated by responsible opinion not expressly enumerated in the course guide as appropriate for the course of study.</p>
3. Authority	<p>The board will permit the introduction and proper educational use of current events provided that their use in the instructional program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">is related to the instructional goals of the course of study and level of maturity of the students;does not tend to indoctrinate or persuade students to a particular point of view;encourages fair presentation and open-mindedness;is conducted in a scholarly inquiry; andis not related to the employment status of the teacher and/or other employees of the district.

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When current events have not been specified in the course guide, the Board will permit the instructional use of only those issues which have been approved by the principal.

The Board recognizes that some deviation from the assigned course guide is necessary in the free exchange of the classroom. However, the Board specifies for the guidance of the Superintendent and, through administrative directive, the guidance of the staff, that any discussion of current events in the classroom shall be conducted in an unprejudiced and dispassionate manner and shall not disrupt the educational process nor fail to match the maturity level of students; and be unrelated to the goals of the district and the appropriate course guide.

