

Santa Barbara Unified School District

Administrative Regulation

AR 6161.4

Instruction

GUEST SPEAKERS IN THE SCHOOLS

The Governing Board supports guest speakers in the schools whenever the skills or knowledge of such speakers can contribute to the instructional program.

Consistent with this belief, schools may make available to students the special talents, expertise, and points of view of guest speakers when relevant to the instructional program and when such speakers are competent in the fields in which they speak.

Individual teachers and department chairpersons or other certificated staff members are normally the prime selectors of guest speakers for their classroom and/or assigned student groups. They shall bear initial responsibility to see that such speakers comply with the stipulations of this policy. They shall keep their principals informed in planning for the use of guest speakers in the instructional program, and shall submit a district Guest Speaker Information Card to the principal for pre-approval.

In considering the qualifications of guest speakers and the nature of their proposed presentations to students, teachers and principals shall bear in mind and be guided by the district's Board Policy 6144, "Controversial Issues."

Individual teachers shall be present during a guest speaker's presentation and monitor the class.

(cf. 6144 – *Controversial Issues*)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51510	<i>Prohibited study or supplemental materials</i>
51511	<i>Religious matters properly included in courses of study</i>
51530	<i>Prohibition and definition re advocating or teaching communism with intent to indoctrinate</i>
51933	<i>Sex education courses</i>
60040	<i>Portrayal of cultural and racial diversity</i>
60044	<i>Prohibited instructional materials</i>
60045	<i>Required to be accurate, objective, current, and suited to needs and comprehension at respective grade levels</i>

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