

# MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: CURRENT EVENTS

ADOPTED: October 14, 1991

REVISED:

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 <b>current event</b> is a topic 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 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; and is conducted in a spirit of scholarly inquiry.</p>
4. Responsibility	<p>In the discussion of any event, a teacher may express a personal opinion, but s/he shall identify it as such and must not express such an opinion for the purpose of persuading students to his/her point of view.</p>