

HORTONVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Title: Student Alternatives to Speakers
or Special Presentations**

**Date Adopted: 8/8/2011
Date Revised:**

Policy No. 7017

Policy Statement:

Whenever an outside speaker or presentation is approved and provided to student during school hours, the students shall be given the option of an alternative assignment or location, if the speaker/presentation is not in line with the student's beliefs.

Rationale:

Sometimes it is necessary for a teacher to bring in speakers or have special presentations to supplement their curriculum. In some cases, speakers and presentations may bring in opinions that may not parallel the opinion of a student and/or family. Some students, especially those under age of eighteen (18) years of age, may not understand what is presented. Parents will be notified of the speaker's intentions and then grant permission for their child to listen to the speaker/presentation.

Scope: District-wide

Responsibility: Teachers / Advisors / Administration

Implementation:

1. When a teacher is supplementing their curriculum by providing students with an outside speaker or special presentation after administration approval, the teacher will discuss the intent of the speaker/presentation with the students. If the student's beliefs are contrary to the speaker/presentation message, the teacher will provide an alternative assignment and/or location for the student during that time.
 - a. Parents will be notified of the speaker/presentation's intent.
2. This applies to clubs or organizations that wish to have a speaker or presentation during school hours. The advisor will notify students and parents of the speaker/presentation's intent.

Procedure:

1. The teacher or advisor will request administrative approval when having an outside speaker or presentation be given to a group of students. The teacher will state the reasons for their request prior to administrative approval.
2. Upon administrative approval, the teacher/advisor will provide students and their parents with written notice of the speaker/presentation's intention in a timely manner. (Two week notice is preferred.)
3. If there are objections to students attending the speaker or presentation, the teacher/advisor will provide an alternative assignment and/or location for the students.
 - a. Objections to participate may come from the student or parent/legal guardian.

Associated Information: --

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