



1.0 POLICY

- 1.1 In accordance with the Mission, Mandate, Vision and Beliefs of the Board of Trustees, the Board believes that its schools should enable students to become creative and critical thinkers and problem solvers within the context of a complex world.
- 1.2 The Board understands that opportunities to deal with sensitive issues and topics are an integral part of the education programs and schooling process in Alberta.
- 1.3 The Board believes that all students are entitled to a safe, secure learning environment in which each individual is respected and valued.
- 1.4 The Board also believes that studying controversial issues is important in preparing students to participate responsibly in a democratic and pluralistic society.

2.0 GUIDELINES

- 2.1 Staff and other involved individuals shall handle controversial issues in a balanced manner that respects the rights and opinions reflected by different perspectives.
- 2.2 The Superintendent shall maintain administrative practices to operationalize this policy.

References: *Admin Practice(s): Educational Services 9 – Controversial Issues in Education*
Alberta Human Rights Act: Section 11.1 (1) and (2)
Alberta Education Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12, p. 72