

## **I.09 Teaching About Controversial or Sensitive Issues IB – Academic Freedom**

~~The Board of Education encourages the objective study of controversial issues. Provisions will be made for review of student or parent objections to presentations or to print or multi-media instructional materials in accordance with Board Policy K.01 and the Student Behavior Handbook.~~

Albuquerque Public Schools shall strive to promote a safe, objective and encouraging academic environment in which students may explore and discuss a variety of ideas and opinions. Albuquerque Public Schools employees shall strive to act as objective educators and moderators in the study of issues that may be sensitive in a classroom. Albuquerque Public Schools shall strive to treat families as partners in the academic development of student ideas and opinions. Therefore, the superintendent, or his/her designee, shall provide a process by which students and/or parents/legal guardians' objections to presentations, units of study and instructional materials and resources may be reviewed and alternative academic opportunities may be provided to the student.

**Administrative Position:** Chief Academic Officer

**Department Director:** Executive Director of Instruction and Accountability/Associate Superintendent for High Schools/Associate Superintendent for Middle Schools/Associate Superintendents for Elementary Schools

### **References:**

Legal Cross Ref.:

Board Policy Cross Ref.:

Procedural Directive Cross Ref.:

IK – Academic Achievement  
K.01 Community Involvement  
Grade Reporting and Recording  
APS Student Behavior Handbook  
Negotiated Agreement

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