

OUTSIDE AGENCY PRESENTATIONS TO STUDENTS

Background

The Division recognizes that in the dynamic context of our society outside agencies and interest groups from time-to-time desire to make presentations to students in the school setting. In general, instructional time is not to be made available to provide a general assembly audience for purposes which advance a particular perspective or interest, and such events are to be scheduled outside of the school day and are not to purport to be school sanctioned.

Procedures

1. Where applicable, the balanced information approach described in Administrative Procedure 205 – Controversial Issues (2) is to be followed where it is appropriate to involve such interests in the school program in classroom situations.
 - 1.1 External parties presenting learning and teaching resources dealing primarily and explicitly with gender identity, sexual orientation or human sexuality must be approved by the Minister of Education, whether in the context of religious instruction or otherwise.
2. It is recognized that some presentations may warrant parental consent for sensitive content matter.
3. Requests made under section 2 shall include:
 - 3.1 A clear indication of the presentation's goals,
 - 3.2 A detailed description of the presentation content,
 - 3.3 Resources to be used, and
 - 3.4 Personnel making the presentation.

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Reference: Section 1, 2, 16, 18, 32, 43, 52, 53, 55, 58.1, 196, 197, 222 Education Act
Alberta Bill of Rights
Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12