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In training for effective citizenship, it may be necessary for pupils to study controversial issues. In considering such issues, it shall be the purpose of the schools to recognize the pupil's right to:

1. Study a controversial issue, which has political, economic or social significance.
2. Have access to relevant information.
3. Study under competent instruction in an atmosphere of freedom from bias and prejudice.
4. Form and express individual opinions on controversial issues.

The approach of the teacher to controversial topics must be both impartial and objective. (See Board Policy 503.13.)

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