

JERSEY SHORE  
 AREA  
 SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS  
 TITLE: CURRENT EVENTS  
 ADOPTED: September 22, 2008  
 REVISED:

119. CURRENT EVENTS	
1. Purpose	The Board believes that consideration of current events has a legitimate place in the educational program of the schools. Properly introduced and conducted, discussion of such events can help students learn to identify important issues, explore fully and fairly all sides of an issue, weigh carefully the values and factors involved, and develop skills for formulating and evaluating positions.
2. Definition	For purposes of this policy, a <b>current event</b> is a topic not expressly enumerated in the course guide as appropriate for the course of study.
3. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.4	<p>The Board shall permit the introduction and proper educational use of current events, provided that their use in the instructional program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is related to the course's instructional goals and the students' level of maturity.</li> <li>2. Does not tend to indoctrinate or persuade students to a particular point of view.</li> <li>3. Encourages balanced presentations and open mindedness.</li> <li>4. Is conducted in a spirit of scholarly inquiry.</li> </ol>
4. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>In the discussion of any event, a teacher may express a personal opinion but shall identify it as such and must not express an opinion for the purpose of persuading students to his/her point of view.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4</p> <p>Board Policy – 000</p>