



Chico Unified School District

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GUEST SPEAKERS

The Board of Education believes that guest speakers can provide students with a valuable supplement to their classroom experience. The Board expects teachers to exercise caution and discretion when deciding whether or not to invite a guest speaker to class. Guest speakers should address topics that reasonably relate to the subject matter content taught in the class, and a particular lesson plan or assignment, and that are aligned with California State Standards. Teachers shall obtain consent for a guest speaker to address his/her class by submitting a written request to the site administrator.

The Board also expects teachers to ensure that the role of guest speakers is not to promote any particular partisan point of view, attempt to inculcate students to reach particular opinions on any political or religious issue, or to promote any service or product for commercial gain. Guest speakers shall promote pupils' greater understanding of societal issues, good citizenship and civic engagement, and the overall well-being of students.

Guest speakers shall adhere to BP/AR 6144 in addressing matters that may include controversial issues. Guest speakers shall ensure that all sides of a controversial issue are impartially presented, with adequate and appropriate factual information, and the teacher shall, without promoting any partisan point of view, help students understand all sides of an issue without promoting any individual partisan point of view.

Teachers sponsoring guest speakers shall be responsible for ensuring that guest speakers are provided a copy of BP/AR 6144 and AR 6144.1, and shall take corrective steps to neutralize the impact of a violation of this Administrative Regulation by the guest speaker.

Teachers shall take steps to ensure that guest speakers provide content that is age-appropriate and in compliance with all Education Code provisions regarding permissible courses of study, including those governing instruction in religious matters and sex education, and those provisions prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race or ethnicity, gender, gender identity, gender expression, religion, disability, nationality, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic listed in Education Code section 220.

Teachers are obligated to discontinue the presentation of a guest speaker should the guest speaker violate any provision of this Administrative Regulation.

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)
(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)
(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)



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Teachers shall obtain consent for a guest speaker to address his/her class by submitting a written request to his/her site administrator no later than ten (10) school days prior to the date of the guest speaker's appearance, on the form attached below. The site administrator will provide a response no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the guest speaker's appearance. The site administrator's decision will be final.

REQUEST FOR GUEST SPEAKER

Teacher: _____

School: _____

Grade Level and/or Subject Matter: _____

Date of Request: _____

Date of Proposed Appearance by Guest Speaker: _____

Name of Proposed Guest Speaker: _____

Please describe the subject matter to be addressed by the guest speaker:

List the California and/or Common Core Standards being addressed by this speaker:

Please describe how the subject matter to be addressed by the guest speaker is related to the subject matter content or a particular assignment or lesson plan in your class:

Please describe the steps you have taken to determine that the content of the guest speaker's presentation is age-appropriate and in compliance with all Education Code requirements and Administrative Regulation 6161.1 regarding permissible areas of instruction:

I agree that I am responsible for the information being presented. Further, I agree that I am obligated to intervene and discontinue the presentation of a guest speaker should the guest speaker violate any provision of this Administrative Regulation.

Signature of Teacher: _____

Date: _____

Approval by Site Administrator: _____

Date: _____