



Frederick County Public Schools
Board of Education
GUEST SPEAKERS
Policy 432

A. Policy Purpose

To articulate the Board of Education of Frederick County's (Board) support for the use of guest speakers within Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS).

B. Definitions

None.

C. Policy Statement

1. To support the aspirational goals and priorities of the Board and to equip each and every student to be an empowered learner and an engaged citizen, the Board supports the use of guest speakers as a resource to promote instruction that fosters inquiry, creative thinking, complex problem solving, and collaboration.
2. The Board supports the use of guest speakers in schools for curriculum enrichment and to enhance extracurricular opportunities.

D. Implementation

1. Presentations by guest speakers, whether in-person or through virtual platforms, may be used to supplement the curriculum materials to help achieve the goals and objectives expressed in the curriculum guidelines and courses of study.
2. The Board directs the Superintendent to provide a regulation to establish procedures for the application, selection, and approval process of guest speakers.
3. Guest speakers invited to address a controversial issue must do so in compliance with [Board Policy 516](#), *Teaching of Potentially Controversial Issues/Use of Historical Artifacts*.

E. Related Information

1. **Board Policy**
 - a. [Policy 314](#), *Political Activity*
 - b. [Policy 432](#), *Guest Speakers*
 - c. [Policy 513](#), *Distribution of Informational Materials*
 - d. [Policy 516](#), *Teaching of Potentially Controversial Issues/Use of Historical Artifacts*
2. **FCPS Regulations**

- a. [Regulation 200-47](#), *Antique Weapons – Historical Demonstrations and Classroom Presentations*
- b. [Regulation 432-01](#), *Guest Speakers*
- c. [Regulation 516-01](#), *Teaching of Potentially Controversial Issues/Use of Historical Artifacts*

3. **FCPS Resources**

- a. [FCPS Guest Speaker Approval Application Form](#)

F. Policy History (Maintained by Legal Services)

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