

## TEACHING ABOUT CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

The Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Regional Board recognizes that preparation for effective citizenship is one of the major purposes of education. The preparation for effective citizenship includes the study of issues that are controversial. Such study will be carried out in an atmosphere free from bias, prejudice, or coercion.

In teaching about controversial issues, teachers are expected to

- establish a learning environment where each student can study the issues within a curriculum that is appropriate to the student's knowledge and maturity; and
- provide instruction in an atmosphere that is free from bias, prejudice, or coercion.

Although the instructional program includes study of the political party system in the United States, the Regional School Board does not endorse any political party or candidate.

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