

## INSTRUCTION

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### TEACHING ABOUT CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES (INCLUDING POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS)

1. The School Board and administration of CCS shall not approve of, as a part of the school program, the involvement of students in activities that imply school endorsement of an individual political party or candidate.
2. The principal shall provide training annually regarding the appropriateness of political activities for students to include course content, invited speakers, curriculum materials and political materials that may be visible in the classroom.
3. No student shall be required to convey or accept materials that:
  - A. Advocate the election or defeat of any candidate seeking public office;
  - B. Advocate the passage or defeat of any referendum question; or,
  - C. Advocate the passage or defeat of any measure pending before a local school board, local governing body, the General Assembly or Congress.
4. Section 3 does not prohibit the discussion of or use of political or issue-oriented materials as part of classroom activities or to prohibit the delivery of information materials.
5. For any material presented to students, the other opinion for an issue or candidate for election must also be represented.
6. Parents may request that their child be released from any discussion of a political activity or controversial issue. If a request is made for the exclusion, the request shall be in writing.
7. The principal shall assign the student to another location during the activity.

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Legal References: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, section 22.1-78.  
Code of Virginia, 2000, as amended, section 22.1-78.3.