

KEENE SCHOOL DISTRICT IMCA – CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

One goal of education is to prepare our students to participate constructively in a democratic, pluralistic society, a society in which many differing opinions are held and differing causes are espoused. Education for effective citizenship is a major goal of the Keene School District. To achieve this purpose, students should have an opportunity to examine contemporary issues within the context of their formal educational experiences. It is also important that they develop judgment, a capacity to discern the difference between fact and opinion, and to weigh arguments, slogans, and appeals. Books, films, and other media are valuable for giving students exposure to many differing ideas for effective learning, it is also useful to invite appropriate persons not on the Keene School District educational staff to speak or to meet with groups of students as part of the educational process.

The Board's position in this matter applies to the regular curriculum of the schools and to school-sponsored extracurricular activities.

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