

**KEENE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPEAKERS, INSTRUCTORS AND PROGRAMS**

**IMC – GUEST**

Guest instructors are non-faculty members who are invited to our schools to appear before classes, clubs, sports teams, or other groups of students, including in non-classroom areas of the schools, to enhance the academic and cultural experience of our students.

Guest instructors must be approved by the principal of the school. Guest instructors must abide by the rules which govern public schools. This includes that the state and federal constitutions each require that the government must play a neutral role with respect to religion. Schools can and should teach about religion, the history of religion, and the moral codes that are held by religions; but schools cannot provide religious instruction or solicit or encourage religious activity. Schools should not permit the solicitation of funds by a religious organization during the school day, including indirect fund-raising, such as the sale of crafts.

Guest instructors shall not solicit funds from students even if the funds raised at the school would be directed to charitable non-religious ends. If, during the school day, students are to observe the ceremonial requirements inherent in the religion, the ceremony must have a clearly defined artistic and instructional – not religious – intent. Principals shall consult with the Superintendent’s office, who may consult counsel, so as to properly comply with Court rulings regarding religion in the public schools.

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