Sensitive Instructional Materials and Guest Speakers

Instructional materials dealing with personal or sensitive subjects must be previewed by the teacher before they are introduced into the classroom. If materials are sensitive but the instructor feels they are germane to the subject being taught, the principal, in consultation with the superintendent, shall adjudge their propriety and pertinence. The principal's deliberation should include among other things, consideration of the general standards of the clientele served by the Rio Rancho Public Schools.

The instructor is also responsible for personal or sensitive subjects introduced or discussed by guest speakers in the classroom. Teachers shall provide their students advance notice of the possibility of the use of sensitive materials prior to their use so that students finding the materials offensive may be excused from that portion of the assignment or presentation and provided with an alternative assignment more in keeping with their beliefs. Parents/guardians may make such a request on behalf of their currently enrolled children.

Teachers should notify the building principal of any apparent problem, which arises from the use of sensitive materials or from remarks by a guest speaker.

At the appropriate grade levels, parents should be given advance notice of presentations on topics involving human sexuality.

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