

**DIOCESE OF DAVENPORT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

SERIES 600: EDUCATION PROGRAMS

POLICY 670

GUEST SPEAKERS

The Board of Education recognizes that one of the greatest resources for enhancing understanding of certain skills or concepts in the classroom can be found in the people of the community, diocese, or state who have special knowledge and particular talents to contribute to the school program.

Speakers Addressing topics of Faith, Spirituality and/or Morals

For Guest Speakers who will address topics of faith, spirituality and/or morals, the [Diocesan Speaker Approval Policy and Procedure](#) applies and must be followed prior to an invitation being extended.

Speakers Not Addressing topics of Faith, Spirituality and/or Morals

Any person wishing to invite or permit a speaker/resource person into a student assembly or classroom must first obtain the permission of the local administrator (i.e. Principal). It is a matter of courtesy, as well as a method of knowledge of the presence of these outside resource people, for the classroom teacher to notify the principal at least two weeks in advance of the expected presentation. If it is deemed necessary, the one inviting may appeal to the local board of education. As applicable, the pastor or other final arbiter will have the final decision.

Guest speakers who encourage or actively support causes or positions contrary to Catholic Church teaching will not be allowed to speak in the local schools, regardless of the subject of their presentation. The Superintendent of Schools, under the guidance of the bishop, has final determination regarding the suitability of a speaker.