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The Relationship Between Policy and Practice

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Censorship and Education

Ways Censorship is Seen in Education:

- Supreme Court Rulings
- Censored Books
- Internet Filters
- Ways that are Not Overt

Advantages of Censorship:

- Eliminates Inappropriate or Unsuitable Material
- Educates Moral Generations of the Future
- Increases Productivity

Disadvantages of Censorship:

- Arbitrary Nature of Censorship
- Restricts Intellectual Freedom
- Eliminates Material that could Potentially Enhance Education

The Progression of School Lunches

- School lunch programs have been implemented in the United States since as early as 1890, but women organizations and charitable groups primarily ran the programs.
- After the Great Depression, the New Deal proposed to use farm surpluses to donate to schools.
- Even after the Great Depression, the government still wanted to use the surpluses to donate to schools, so they enacted the National School Lunch Act.
- According to federal law, "school lunches must provide one-third and school breakfasts one-quarter of the Recommended Dietary Allowances for calories, protein, vitamin A, vitamin C, calcium and iron" in order to qualify for federal reimbursements
- The government has very little regulation over products sold in vending machines and A La Carte lines.



Teaching Banned Books

- In order to help parents and school administrators to understand the educational value of teaching sensitive topics/ banned books in the classroom, teachers should develop a rationale to explain why they choose to teach or discuss such topics in the classroom.
- To help minimize conflict, teachers should maintain clear and consistent communication with those who oppose the books or topics addressed in the classroom.
- In the case that the teachers face opposition in their choice to teach controversial books, they can seek support from unions and other affiliated groups.
- Even if they choose to break or bend the rules, teachers should be aware of any district policies regarding teaching banned books