

POLICY

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Instruction

SUBJECT: OBJECTION TO INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The Board, while ultimately responsible for all curriculum and instructional materials (including library books), recognizes the need of free access to many different types of books and materials. It also acknowledges the important role of the instructional staff in selecting books and other materials supportive of the School District's educational philosophy and goals.

The Board will not permit any individual or group to exercise censorship over instructional materials and library collections, but recognizes that at times a re-evaluation of certain materials may be desirable. Should an individual resident or community group ask to have any book or other material reviewed for appropriateness:

- a) The person who objects to the book or other materials should consult with the school principal after first meeting with the appropriate staff member. To proceed further with the complaint, the person will be asked to complete the District complaint form in order to document the nature of the complaint.
- b) Following receipt of the formal complaint, the Superintendent will provide for a re-evaluation of the material in question. The Superintendent will direct a review committee to consider the complaint and to make a recommendation to the Superintendent.
- c) The Superintendent will review the complaint and the committees' recommendation and will render a decision in the matter. If the Superintendent's decision is to remove a book or alter the curriculum or otherwise take action upon the complaint, the Superintendent shall so notify the Board.
- d) Should this session be deemed unsatisfactory by the complainant, that individual may then appeal directly to the Board, who is ultimately responsible for all curriculum and instructional materials.

Education Law Section 3204(5)

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