

Regulation

COMPLAINTS REGARDING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

- A. Complaints concerning district instructional or resource materials need to be specific and detailed in writing, using the form that follows this regulation;
- B. The superintendent shall study the complaint and attempt to reach a satisfactory solution. A conference will be held to jointly review the material in question;
- C. Whenever there is a question of the misuse of board approved materials by a staff member, the superintendent will meet directly with the employee involved;
- D. A brief summary of all facts will be compiled by the superintendent;
- E. Complaints made directly to the board as a whole or to a board member as an individual, shall be referred to the school administrator for study;
- F. When a parent feels that a satisfactory solution has not been resolved, a request to the board for a meeting will be available. The purpose of the meeting will be to reach a mutually satisfactory solution.
- G. The superintendent will use the following general standards as a guide in determining the suitability of instructional and/or resource materials:
 - 1. Material shall be suited to the varied interests, abilities, reading levels and maturation levels of the students to be served;
 - 2. The materials are bias-free and do not discriminate against or stereotype groups based on race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, domestic partnership status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic information, sex, disability, social or economic condition or pregnancy.
 - 3. Whenever possible, materials shall provide major opposing views on controversial issues so that students may develop under guidance the practice of critical reading and thinking;
 - 4. Whenever possible, materials shall represent the many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups and their contribution to American heritage;
 - 5. Materials shall be factually accurate and of genuine literary or artistic value;
 - 6. Materials shall be of quality and durability appropriate to their intended uses and longevity;
 - 7. Materials shall relate to, support, and enrich the courses of study adopted by the board.

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