

Instruction

Administrative Procedure – Request for Re-Evaluation of Instructional Materials

The professional teaching staff has rights normally delegated to it by the Board of Education: to select, to discuss, and to explore instructional material for classes and for individuals appropriate to the students' needs, interests, maturity, and capability as specified in Policy IIAA & IIAA-R, Textbook Selection and Adoption. These rights exist because they are necessary to the adequate fulfillment of the staff's professional responsibility to guide students toward the knowledge and understanding befitting free, reasoning, and responsible human beings.

Students have a right to knowledge of their culture in its broadest sense consistent with their present and future needs. Students have the right and responsibility to study issues upon which there is disagreement and to practice analyzing problems, to gather and organize facts, to discriminate between fact and opinion, to discuss differing viewpoints, and to draw tentative conclusions.

Parents, and other citizens, have the right to request and receive an explanation of the reasons for choices of instructional materials in the required curriculum, and have the right to challenge the selection of controversial materials for their own children, but they do not have the right to dictate what the children of other parents may or may not read, see, or discuss.

Instructional materials shall be reviewed provided a **Curriculum Objection** form is completed and signed by the complainant. The completed form shall be given to the school principal, who shall forward the form to the district administrator responsible for instructional programs. The following steps of review shall be followed:

1. The district administrator shall inform the Superintendent of Schools which instructional material has been challenged.
2. The Superintendent shall appoint a review committee consisting of not less than three (3) members nor more than five (5) members. Not less than 20% of the committee shall be members of community who are not part of the professional district staff.
3. Members of the committee will read, examine or evaluate the material as it would be related to the questions on the Citizens' Request Form.
4. The committee's decisions shall be consistent with the 1973 Supreme Court ruling on obscenity and pornography and the Students Right To Read (National Council of Teachers of English).
5. The committee shall make a decision to recommend or reject the material in question. The decision of the committee shall be forwarded to the Superintendent for approval or disapproval, and to the district administrator for instruction.
6. The complainant and appropriate district personnel shall be informed of the decision.
7. The complainant shall have the right to appeal the decision to the Board of Education.

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