

Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials

The Governing Board takes great care in the adoption of instructional materials and includes teachers, parents and community representation in the process. However, the Board is aware that all adopted materials and other supplementary materials selected by teachers may not be acceptable to all students, their parents/guardians or other district residents. This policy specifically addresses complaints concerning instructional materials.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures which will permit proper consideration of any complaints against the use of any instructional materials, including textbooks, supplementary textbooks, library books, and other instructional materials and equipment.

The Board believes the Superintendent and staff are well qualified to consider complaints concerning instructional materials. Complainants are advised to consider and accept the Superintendent or designee's decision as final. However, if the complainant finds the decision of the Superintendent or designee unsatisfactory, he/she may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of a regular Board meeting. The Superintendent or designee shall present to the Board a complete statement of the circumstances concerning the complaint at that meeting. The Board may confirm the Superintendent's decision, direct further review by the administration, or take other appropriate action.

The Board's decision in any such case will be based on educational suitability and will not be influenced by a desire to suppress information or deny students access to ideas with which the Board disagrees, nor will the Board allow political party affiliation, or racial prejudice to influence its decision in any such case.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 18111 Exclusion of books by governing board
- 35010 Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules
- 60000 Power of governing board to select instructional materials
- 60040-60048 Content requirements for instructional materials
- 60200-60206 Elementary school material-selection and adoption
- 60400 Secondary school textbooks-selection and adoption

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