

Press Plus Issue #111 March 2023 - Policy Committee Meeting 4/21/23

1. Action to be taken:

CONSENT

1st READING

STAY IN COMMITTEE

2. Policy Committee to Determine:

Adopt as Presented

Adopt with Additional District Edits

Not Adopt (change "reviewed" date)

Document Status: Draft Update

Instruction

6:260 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs

Parents/guardians have the right to inspect any instructional material used as part of their child's educational curriculum pursuant to Board of Education policy 7:15, *Student and Family Privacy Rights*.

Persons Parents/guardians, employees, and community members [PRESSPlus1](#) who believe that curriculum, instructional materials, or programs violate rights guaranteed by any law or Board policy ~~should~~ may file a complaint using Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*.

Persons Parents/guardians, employees, and community members with ~~all~~ other suggestions or complaints about curriculum, instructional materials, or programs should complete a *Curriculum Objection Form*. A parent/guardian may request that his/her child be exempt from using a particular instructional material or program by completing a *Curriculum Objection Form*. The Superintendent or designee shall establish criteria for the review of objections and inform the parent/guardian, employee, or community member, as applicable, of the District's decision. [PRESSPlus2](#)

LEGAL REF.:

[20 U.S.C. §1232h](#), Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment.

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 7:15 (Student and Family Privacy Rights), 8:110 (Public Suggestions and Concerns)

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PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated to limit the scope of complainants in this policy to parents/guardians, employees, and community members in alignment with sample **PRESS** policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*. **Issue 110, October 2022**

PRESSPlus 2. Optional sentence; updated in response to **PRESS** Advisory Board (PAB) member feedback regarding the need for districts to have processes in place to address an increasing number of curriculum objections. It strengthens the policy's connection to IASB's *Foundational Principles of Effective Governance*. See www.iasb.com/conference-training-and-events/training/training-resources/foundational-principles-of-effective-governance. For criteria that can be used in reviewing curriculum objections, see sample administrative procedure, 6:260-AP, *Responding to Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs*, available at **PRESS** Online by logging in at www.iasb.com. **Issue 110, October 2022**