

PUBLIC COMPLAINTS CONCERNING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The School Board takes great care in the adoption of instructional materials and is aware that all adopted materials may not be acceptable to all students, their parents/guardians, or other district residents. The School Board shall strive to adopt instructional materials that refrain from cultural biases or perspectives that promote discrimination or socioeconomic disparity based on race, ethnicity, religious or cultural beliefs, disability, familial status, sexual identification or sexual orientation. The School board will strive, when possible, to incorporate culturally responsive materials and materials that support students' cultural identity and local knowledge.

(cf. 6161.1 – Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

(cf. 6161.11 – Supplementary Instructional Materials)

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

(cf. 1312.3 – Public Complaint Concerning Discrimination)

The Board expects and trusts the Superintendent and staff are well qualified to consider complaints concerning instructional materials. The Superintendent or designee's decision is the final response from the district administration. 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 request shall be made in writing and addressed to the President of the Board of Education as well as the Superintendent or designee.

The administration or School 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 administration or School Board disagrees.

(cf. 6144 – Controversial Issues)

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