

Instruction

Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs

The Board of Education, which is responsible for purchases of all educational material, recognizes the students' right of access to different types of materials. The Board of Education recognizes the right of teachers and administrators to recommend the purchase of additional materials in accordance with the District philosophy and to make them available to the schools. Material selected for our schools shall be in agreement with the following:

- A. Educational material shall be chosen for values of interest and enlightenment of all students. Materials shall not be excluded because of race, nationality, political, or religious views of the writer.
- B. An effort will be made to provide materials that present various points of view concerning the problems and issues of our times. Educational material of sound factual authority shall not be proscribed or removed from library shelves or classrooms because of partisan, doctrinal approval or disapproval.
- C. The Board of Education will challenge community censorship of educational materials in order to maintain its responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.

In accordance with C. above:

- 1. The final decision for educational materials shall rest with the Board of Education after careful examination and discussion.
- 2. No resident or group of residents of District 96 has the right to determine reading or other educational material for students.
- 3. The Board of Education recognizes the right of an individual parent to request that his/her child not read a given book or be exposed to specific educational material provided a written request is made to the appropriate Building Principal. Any parent or resident of District 96 who wishes to request reconsideration of the use of any educational material in the school must make such a request in writing to the Building Principal.
- 4. If the matter cannot be resolved at the building level, then the written statement concerning the material, along with the Building Principal's evaluation, will be forwarded to the District's Superintendent.
- 5. Should the concerned parties disagree with the Superintendent's decision, an appearance before the Board of Education may be requested.

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure)

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