

## COMPLAINTS ABOUT CURRICULA OR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The Board of Education recognizes student's rights of free access to many different types of books and instructional materials and the right of teachers and administrators to recommend books and other materials for selection by the Board in accord with current trends in education, and to make them available in the schools.

The Board's aim is to provide materials that present all points of view concerning the problems and issues of our times, international, national and local. Books and other reading materials shall be chosen for values of interest and enlightenment of all students in the community. A book shall not be excluded because of the race, nationality, political or religious views of its author or its style and language.

Books and other reading materials of sound factual authority shall not be precluded from nor removed from the library or classrooms because of partisan, doctrinal approval or disapproval.

All complaints concerning textbooks, library books, and other instructional materials shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools, who will inform the Board of Education. The Superintendent shall promulgate regulations subject to Board approval establishing a complaint procedure which shall include:

1. an opportunity for an informal conference with the complainant;
2. the submission of formal written complaints on the prescribed form 1420-E;
3. the formation of an Instructional Material Review Committee. The members of the committee shall be recommended by the Superintendent and appointed by the Board. The committee shall make recommendations to the Superintendent concerning the disposition of any complaint;
4. a decision by the Superintendent; and
5. an appeal to the Board. The decision of the Board shall be final.

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