

RECONSIDERATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The School Board, though it is ultimately responsible for all curriculum and instructional materials, including library books, recognizes the need and right of students to free access to many different types of books and materials. It also recognizes the right of the professional staff to select books and other materials supportive of the district's educational philosophy and goals.

It is the policy of the School Board to require that books and other reading matter shall be chosen based on values of interest and enlightenment for all students in the community. A book shall not be excluded because of the race or nationality of the writer; because of his/her political or religious views; or because of its style and points of view concerning the problems and issues of our times - international, national, or local. Books or other reading matter of sound factual authority shall not be prescribed or removed from library shelves or classrooms because of partisan, doctrinal approval or disapproval.

Persons not in agreement with the school on its selection of books or other instructional material and who wish a particular book or material to be reviewed must submit to the Principal a "Request for Reconsideration of Instructional Materials." The request forms are available at the school office.

The Principal, upon receipt of a "Request for Reconsideration" will acknowledge receipt to the complainant and list anticipated steps to be taken. The Principal will then notify the Book Review Committee and schedule meetings necessary to review the complaint and to write a report.

The final report will be forwarded to the complainant and the Superintendent of Schools. If the complainant is dissatisfied, the next step is to submit the request to the Superintendent of Schools for action. If the complainant does not accept the Superintendent's decision, the complainant may request a review by the School Board, whose decision will be final.

During the investigation the instructional material will remain in use unless a Selection Committee votes to remove or restrict the material until a final decision is made.

1st Reading: June 11, 2002

2nd Reading: July 9, 2002

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