

## **INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA SELECTION: SELECTION/APEALS**

The New Hanover County Board of Education (Board) realizes that media and technology programs are more effective when those responsible for the instructional program are involved in planning, implementing and making decisions about the programs. Therefore, a school-level Media and Technology Advisory Committee (MTAC) shall be established at each school within the system.

The MTAC and its chairperson shall be appointed by the principal and shall include the teachers representing all subject areas and/or grade levels, parents and community representatives. This committee sets priorities based on school-wide objectives for acquiring instructional materials including technology. Additionally, the MTAC shall hear challenges of instructional materials which originate from parents, teachers, and members of the public to textbooks and supplementary instructional materials on the grounds that they are educationally unsuitable, pervasively vulgar, or inappropriate to the age, maturity, or grade level of the students.

In addition to the school-based Media and Technology Advisory Committee, there shall be a District Media and Technology Advisory Committee. This committee shall set priorities for acquiring instructional and technology materials at the district level based North Carolina Standard Course of Study.

As the need arises, the Superintendent shall appoint a District Media Appeals Committee. Under the leadership of the committee chairperson, this group is responsible for reviewing school-level decisions regarding challenged instructional materials.

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