

**PUBLIC COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE CURRICULUM
OR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

The Waunakee Board of Education, though it is finally responsible for all book purchases, recognizes the students' right of free access to many different types of books. The Board also recognizes the right of teachers and administrators to select books and other materials in accord with current trends in education and to make them available in the schools.

It is, therefore, the policy of the Board to require that books and other reading matter 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 the writer or that present all points of view concerning the problems and issues of our times, international, national, and local. Books or other reading matter of sound factual authority shall not be prescribed or removed from LMTC shelves or classrooms because of partisan, doctrinal approval or disapproval.

Censorship of books shall be challenged in order to maintain the school's responsibility to provide information and enlightenment. The final decision for controversial reading matter shall rest with the Board after careful examination and discussion of the book or reading material with school officials or anyone else the Board may wish to involve.

No parent or group of parents has the right to determine the reading matter for students other than their own children. The Board recognizes, however, the right of an individual parent to request that his/her child not have to read a given book, provided a written request is made to the appropriate building principal. A book or other material approved by the instructor that meets the course objectives shall be substituted in such cases.

Any citizen of the District who wishes to request reconsideration of the use of any book in the school must make such a request in writing on forms provided through building principals.

The District shall not discriminate in admissions to any school, class, program or activity or facilities usage on the basis of sex, race, national origin, religion, ancestry, creed, color, pregnancy, parental or marital status, sexual orientation or physical, learning, emotional or mental disability or handicap. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

Legal Ref.: Sections 118.13 Wisconsin Statutes
PI 9, 121.02(1)(h), PI 8.01(2)(h)

Cross Ref.: 330, Curriculum Adoption
361, Textbook Selection
362, Instructional Material Selection
362.1, Use of Rated Films and A-V Materials
363, Special Interest Materials
381, Teaching About Controversial Issues
411, Equal Educational Opportunities
411 Rule (1), Student Discrimination Complaint Procedures
871-Rule, Public Complaints About Instructional Materials

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