

Houston County Board of Education

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General

The Board is charged with selection of the curriculum. No subjects or topics prohibited by state or federal law shall be taught.¹ The Director of Schools shall develop administrative procedures to implement this policy.

STATE STANDARDS²

Only Tennessee state standards shall be taught within the school district. The following are prohibited:

1. Instructional materials, textbooks, or supplemental materials created to align exclusively with Common Core; or
2. Instructional materials, textbooks, or supplemental materials that are marketed or otherwise identified as Common Core textbooks or instructional materials.

Any complaints regarding the above shall be submitted per board policy 4.402.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMMING

All curriculum and instructional programming implemented in the school district shall adhere to state and federal laws. District employees shall not include or promote any concepts that would violate state law when providing instruction, using instructional or supplemental materials, or when implementing the instructional program and curriculum.¹

The Director shall develop procedures to ensure that the district's instructional program complies with state law.

Complaints regarding teaching prohibited concepts in violation of state law shall be submitted per the regulation developed by the Tennessee Department of Education.³

Legal References

1. TCA 49-6-2202; TCA 49-6-1304; TCA 49-6-2206; TCA 49-6-1019
2. TCA 49-1-302(a)(8); TCA 49-1-314; Public Acts of 2022, Chapter No. 1085
3. TRR/MS 0520-12-04

Cross References

- Reconsideration of Textbooks and Instructional Materials 4.402
Controversial Issues 4.800
Controversial Materials 4.801