

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

### **Complaints from the Public: Challenged/Controversial Materials**

The School Board believes that the School Division should be responsive to inquiries from the community regarding instructional materials used in the schools. To meet this responsibility, the School Board directs the Superintendent to establish procedures whereby complaints by parents/legal guardians or citizens of the School Division regarding specific books, publications or materials used by or presented to the students may be processed in an orderly manner.

Regulation 6-61.1 and 6-61.2 govern the procedures to challenge materials for parents/legal guardians and adult students. Regulation 7-12.1 governs the procedures to challenge materials for citizens without children currently enrolled in the School Division.

#### *Editor's Note*

*~~Procedures for selecting and evaluating materials are established at School Board Policy 6-61 and any implementing regulations.~~*

### **Legal Reference**

Code of Virginia § 22.1-238, as amended. Approval of textbooks and appliances; decodability.

Code of Virginia § 22.1-207.2, as amended. Right of parents to review certain materials; summaries distributed.

Code of Virginia § 22.1-253.13:7, as amended. Standard 7. School board policies.

Virginia Department of Education Regulation, 8-VAC-20-170-160, as amended. Instructional materials.

Virginia Department of Education Regulation, 8-VAC-20-131-270, as amended. School and community communications.

### **Related Links**

School Board **Policy 6-61**

School Board **Regulation 6-61.1**

School Board **Regulation 6-61.2**

**School Board Regulation 7-12.1**

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