

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Book	Policy Manual
Section	100 Programs
Title	Review of Instructional Materials by Parents/Guardians and Students
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Authority

The Board adopts this policy to ensure that parents/guardians and students have an opportunity to review instructional materials and have access to information about the curriculum, including academic standards to be achieved, instructional materials and assessment techniques.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

Definition

Instructional material means instructional content that is provided to a student, regardless of its format, including printed or representational materials, audiovisual materials, and materials in electronic or digital formats (such as materials accessible through the Internet). For purposes of this policy, the term does not include academic tests or academic assessments.[\[1\]](#)

Guidelines

Upon request by a parent/guardian or student, the district will make available existing information about the curriculum, including academic standards to be achieved, instructional materials and assessment techniques.[\[1\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)

The following conditions shall apply to any request:

1. To assist the school district in providing the correct records to meet the needs of the requesting party, the request must be in writing, setting forth the specific material being sought for review.
2. The written request will be sent to the building principal, Director of Curriculum, or the Superintendent.
3. The district will respond to the parent/guardian or student within ten (10) school days by designating the time and location for the review.
4. The district may take necessary action to protect its materials from loss, damage or alteration and to ensure the integrity of the files, including the provision of a designated employee to monitor the review of the materials.
5. The taking of notes by parents/guardians and students is permitted. However, circumstances may not permit the removal or photocopying of copyrighted or other materials.

6. No more than one (1) request per semester may be made by any parent/guardian or student for each enrolled child.

Under federal law, the rights provided to parents/guardians to inspect any instructional materials used as part of the student's educational curriculum transfer to the student when the student turns eighteen (18) years old or is an emancipated minor. These rights do not transfer under state law; therefore, parents/guardians retain their rights to access information about the curriculum and to review instructional materials.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians and students of this policy and its availability. This notification shall be given at least annually, at the beginning of each school year, and within a reasonable time after any substantive changes regarding the contents of this policy.[\[1\]](#)

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1. 20 U.S.C. 1232h
 2. 22 PA Code 4.4
 3. Pol. 102
 4. Pol. 105
 5. Pol. 127
- 22 PA Code 403.1
Pol. 235