COMPLAINTS ABOUT CURRICULA OR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility for the selection of instructional materials. The Board expects district teachers and administrators to recommend books and other materials in accord with sound educational principles and practices and to use them effectively in the classrooms. The role of teachers, library media specialists, and administrators with regard to the selection and recommendation of books and materials should be valued and respected. However, the Board also recognizes the right of community members to voice concerns and/or complaints regarding the implementation of a particular curriculum and/or instructional material.

Every effort should be made to resolve any criticism of instructional materials that are in the school informally. If the matter cannot be resolved informally, the Complainant shall submit in writing any criticism to the Superintendent of Schools in accordance with the procedures specified in 1420-R.

The Instructional Material Review Committee shall make recommendations to the Superintendent concerning the disposition of the complaint, and the Superintendent will issue a decision. This decision may be appealed to the Board, and the decision of the Board shall be final.

Cross-ref:  4511, Textbook Selection and Adoption  
4513, Library Materials Selection and Adoption  
4524, School Libraries

Ref:  Education Law §§1709(15); 1711(5)(f)  

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