

## **INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

The East Carroll Parish School Board strongly encourages the utilization of a wide variety of **materials** and equipment in the **instructional** program. The selection of media shall be determined by the objectives of the course and the experiences and activities to be provided to meet such objectives. **Instructional** personnel shall keep abreast of the types of **materials** and equipment which can contribute toward meeting the goals and objectives of courses. **Instructional** personnel shall also assist the administration in the selection and purchase of such **materials** and equipment for the school.

The School Board believes that appropriate personnel and **materials** must be available for each student. It shall be the policy of the School Board that available system resources be allocated in a manner to ensure equivalence among schools of a similar type and enrollment in: (1) teachers, administrators and auxiliary personnel; and (2) curriculum **materials** and **instructional** supplies.

### **PARENTAL ACCESS TO INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

A parent of a child attending a public elementary or secondary school shall be entitled to access to **instructional materials** as provided by law. A parent shall be entitled to:

1. Review **instructional materials** used by or administered to the parent's child.
2. Review any survey before the survey is administered or distributed by a school to a student.

The Superintendent and/or his/her designee shall develop and maintain pertinent administrative regulations and procedures governing parental access to **instructional materials**. At a minimum, such regulations and procedures shall specify reasonable hours for review, that **instructional materials** shall be provided upon reasonable request of the parent, and reasonable and customary fees for copying of material(s) requested. Nothing shall prohibit or interfere with the parent making his/her own copies on school premises using any mobile or other device.

For the purpose of this policy:

*Instructional materials* means content that conveys the knowledge or skills of a subject in the school curriculum through a medium or a combination of media for conveying information to a student. It also includes any nonsecure test, nonsecure assessment, or survey administered to a student. The term also includes books, supplementary materials, teaching aids, computer software, magnetic media, DVD, CD-ROM, computer courseware, online material, information, or services, or an electronic medium or other means of conveying information to the student or otherwise contributing to the learning process.

*Parent* means the parent or legal guardian of a child.

*Survey* means any evaluative instrument or questionnaire that is not an assessment of academic knowledge, skills, or abilities, administered as part of a state, national, or international assessment or by itself.

#### PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING CRITICISM OF MATERIAL

Criticism of specific materials should be handled by the principal whenever possible. If the criticism cannot be resolved by the principal to the satisfaction of the complainant, then the following procedures shall be followed.

1. The criticism shall be presented in writing and directed to the principal and shall include specific information as to author, title, publisher, and the reason for the criticism, giving specific examples of objectionable aspects or sections of the book.
2. The statement must be signed and identified so that a reply may be given.
3. The material shall be reviewed in the light of the objections by a committee appointed by the Superintendent or his/her designee.
4. The report of the special committee shall be forwarded to the Superintendent for action as rapidly as possible. The Superintendent may choose to refer the problem to the School Board.
5. The decision of the Superintendent and/or the School Board shall be sent in writing to the complainant. Copies of the decision shall also be sent to all staff personnel affected by the decision.

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Ref: Constitution of Louisiana, [Art. VIII, Sec. 13](#)  
La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§[17:81](#), [17:355](#)  
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