

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The Governing Board uses a comprehensive process to adopt district instructional materials and select library materials that is based on selection criteria established by law and Board policy and includes opportunities for the involvement of community members. Complaints concerning the content or use of instructional materials, including textbooks, supplementary instructional materials, library materials, or other instructional materials and equipment, shall be properly and fairly considered using established complaint procedures.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to discuss any concerns regarding instructional materials with their child's teacher, the school's teacher-librarian, and/or the school principal. If the situation remains unresolved, a complaint may be filed using the process specified in Administrative Regulation 1312.2.

The district shall accept written complaints, on the Request for Reconsideration Form 1312.2E concerning instructional materials only from staff, district residents, or the parents/guardians of children enrolled in a district school. Only one complaint at a time will be accepted from a complainant and/or family. The Associate Superintendent for Educational Services or designee will convene a Reconsideration Committee.

When deliberating upon materials submitted for reconsideration, the Superintendent and/or Reconsideration Committee shall consider the educational philosophy of the district, the professional opinions of teachers of the subject and of other competent authorities, reviews of the materials by reputable bodies, the teacher's stated objectives in using the materials, community standards, and the objections of the complainant.

The district's decision shall be based on educational suitability of the materials and the criteria established in Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1312.2.

Complainants are encouraged to accept the review committee's decision. However, if the complainant finds the decision unsatisfactory, they may appeal the decision to the Board to determine if the reconsideration policy was correctly applied.

When any instructional material is reconsidered by the district, it shall not be subject to further reconsideration for three years, unless the Superintendent determines that reconsideration is warranted.

Complaints related to sufficiency of textbooks or instructional materials shall be resolved pursuant to the district's Williams uniform complaint procedure at AR 1312.4.

Legal Reference

State	Description
Ed. Code 18111	Exclusion of books by governing board
Ed. Code 35010	Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules
TUSD Adopted: 06.25.24	

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State	Description
Ed. Code 35186	Williams uniform complaint procedures
Ed. Code 44805	Enforcement of course of studies; use of textbooks, rules and regulations
Ed. Code 51501	Subject matter reflecting on race, color, etc.
Ed. Code 60000-60005	Instructional materials; legislative intent
Ed. Code 60040-60048	Instructional requirements and materials
Ed. Code 60119	Public hearing on sufficiency of materials
Ed. Code 60200-60206	Elementary school materials

Cross References

Code	Description
1312.3	Uniform Complaint Procedures
1312.3-E	Uniform Complaint Procedures
1312.4	Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures
6141	Curriculum Development and Evaluation
6144	Controversial Issues
6161.1	Selection And Evaluation of Instructional Materials
6161.11	Supplementary Instructional Materials
6163.1	Library Media Centers
9200	Limits Of Board Member Authority