

**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 line with sound educational principles and practices, and to use them effectively in the classrooms. 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.

A student may be excused from the study of specific materials if these materials are in conflict with the religion of his/her parents or guardian. Alternative materials may be provided that are of instructional value.

Any criticism of instructional materials that are in the schools that cannot be resolved informally shall be submitted in writing to the Superintendent of Schools. An Instructional Material Review Committee, including at least an administrator, an instructional staff member and a parent, will be designated by the Superintendent to investigate and judge the challenged material.

The 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.

Ref: Education Law §§1709(15); 1711(2)(f)

Board of Educ., Island Trees UFSD v. Pico, 457 US 853 (1982)

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