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606.1 PARENTAL REVIEW OF THE CONTENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS OR MEDIA MATERIALS

I. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Board is concerned about matters of censorship but at the same time recognizes the right of parents, guardians, and adult students to reject material they find objectionable. To provide these individuals the right to review instructional materials without denying other students the right to use them, the following procedure will be available to parents, guardians, and adult students:

II. PROCEDURES FOR OBJECTIONS TO INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:

A. A parent, guardian, or adult student contacting a teacher or administrator with a concern about an instructional material will be offered the opportunity to review the material. School personnel so contacted may also wish to discuss the material with the parent, guardian, or an adult child and to explain the basis for its inclusion in the curriculum.

B. If the parent, guardian, or an adult child continues to maintain an objection to the content, he or she must complete an "Instructional Materials Objection Form" and submit it to the school district office.

C. Upon submission of an "Instruction Materials Objection Form," school personnel will respond in a timely fashion with approval of the suggestion for alternative instruction or with the provision of a reasonable alternative to be offered by the School Board.

D. If the alternative instruction offered by the School Board does not meet the concerns of the parent, guardian, or an adult student he or she may provide it himself or herself. However, the School Board is not required to pay for the costs of alternative instruction provided by a parent, guardian, or an adult student.

E. School personnel may evaluate and assess the quality of a student's work done as alternative instruction. No academic or other penalty may be imposed upon a student merely for arranging alternative instruction.

The appropriate District Curriculum Committee and the DACCS will review the instructional materials for its curricular area for which an "Instructional Materials Objection Form" was submitted. Each committee will recommend either reconfirming or reconsidering the use of the materials under the objection. These recommendations will be submitted to the superintendent who will bring them to the Board of Education for a final decision.

III. PROCEDURES FOR REVIEW OR RECONSIDERATION OF MEDIA MATERIALS

A. Criticisms of books or other material that is part of the district's media collection should be submitted in writing to the principal.

B. The person challenging the material will complete the form "Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of Media Center Materials" and return it to the principal.

C. If the complainant fails to submit the form, or fails to complete the form in full, he or she will forfeit further consideration of his or her complaint.

D. Allegations properly submitted will be considered by a committee among the faculty which will be appointed by the principal. The permanent members of this committee will be:

1. The principal under whose jurisdiction the complaint falls.

2. The media professional.

3. The department chairperson in the subject matter field or grade level chairperson of the challenged material.

4. Two teachers from the subject matter field of the challenged material.

E. The committee will meet and review the challenged material and submit its findings, in writing, to the complainant.

F. The books or materials involved will be suspended pending a decision by the above committee.

G. Appeals of the committee's decision may be made by the complainant through the superintendent of schools to the Board of Education for a final decision.

H. Forms will be made available by media personnel and the principal.

I. The same item may not be challenged for one year from the date of the District decision.

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