

Section 600 – Instruction

Instructional Materials

Instructional Materials Inspection or Objection

File: 606.02

Parents and other members of the school district community may view the instructional materials used by the students. All instructional materials, including teacher's manuals, films, tapes or other supplementary material which will be used in connection with any survey, analysis, or evaluation as part of any federally funded programs must be available for inspection by parents.

The board of education recognizes the right of individual parents or citizens to challenge the use of certain materials. Such challenges shall be handled by the following procedures:

1. Requests shall be made to the appropriate administrator for the "Reconsideration of Media" form. The challenger must have read or viewed the item being challenged, in its entirety prior to this time. The challenger's statement must be signed and identified so that a reply can be given. See AR-6410 for a copy of the form Request For Reconsideration of Media.
2. The material in question shall be reviewed by a committee of two teachers and one librarian, appointed by the administrator. They shall review the materials and judge whether it conforms to the stated guidelines. The report of this committee shall be completed within thirty (30) school days and presented to the administrator with a copy sent to the superintendent of schools. The challenger shall be notified of findings of the committee.
3. If the challenger does not agree with the decision of the committee, he or she may file a notice of appeal with the superintendent of schools within ten (10) school days following receipt of such a decision and the matter will then be presented to the board of education at a regularly scheduled meeting. The board will rule in one of three ways:
 - A. The book will remain on the library shelf without restriction.
 - B. The book will remain on the library shelf, but be considered a "flagged" book. Students must obtain written parent permission prior to checking out a "flagged" book. See AR 6410.1.
 - C. The book will be removed from the library.

The decision of the board of education shall be final.

Cross Reference: 603 Curriculum Development
 1003 Public Examination of District Records