

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The Board of Trustees takes great care in adoption of instructional materials to reflect diverse points of view, cultural awareness and various learning styles and high academic standards.

The Superintendent is directed to develop administrative regulations which will permit proper consideration of any complaints against use of any instructional materials, including textbooks, supplementary textbooks, library books, and other instructional materials and equipment.

The administrative regulations shall provide for the Superintendent to render or adopt a decision regarding complaints. The Superintendent's decision shall then be final unless the complaining party has not been advised of the decision or unless the complaining party appeals the Superintendent's decision within the time provided in the administrative regulations. The administrative regulations shall also provide an opportunity for the Board of Trustees to consider the complaint if the complaining party appeals the matter. The Board shall consider a complete statement from the Superintendent of the circumstances surrounding the complaint. The Board shall have the authority to : 1) confirm the Superintendent's decision, or 2) direct further review of the decision in accordance with the regulations. After directing further review of the decision by an appeals committee, the Board may adopt the decision of the appeals committee or may adopt a decision of its own. A decision of the Board or adopted by the Board shall be final.

The Board will not allow political party affiliation, racial prejudice, or an intent to deny students access to ideas with which the governing board disagrees, to influence its decision in any such case.

LEGAL REFERENCE**EDUCATION CODE**

18111	Exclusion of books by governing board
35014	Power of governing board to adopt rules for its own governance
60003	Power of governing board to select instructional materials
60040-60047	Content requirements for instructional materials
60200	Adoption of list of textbooks and instructional materials: requirements
60260	Legislative intent for ordering instructional materials
60262	Involvement of teachers, parents and community in instructional materials selection
60400 et seq.	Secondary school textbooks-selection and adoption