

COMPLAINTS ABOUT CURRICULA OR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility for the purchase of instructional materials. The Board encourages district teachers and administrators to select books and other materials in accord 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.

All complaints concerning textbooks, library books and other instructional material shall be submitted to the Building Principal. The Superintendent of Schools shall promulgate regulations subject to Board approval establishing a complaint procedure which shall include:

1. contacting the Principal's office and requesting that a blank complaint form be mailed to the complainant's home;
2. the submission to the Principal of a formal written complaint on the prescribed form;
3. a scheduled meeting with the review committee which will include the teacher whose course includes the objectionable material, the department chairman of the curriculum involved and the Principal;
4. a decision by the Superintendent; and
5. an appeal to the Board. The decision of the Board shall be final.

Cross-ref: 4511, Textbook Selection and Adoption
4513, Library Materials Selection

Ref: Education Law 1709(15); 1711(5)(f)
Board of Educ., Island Trees UFSD v. Pico, 457 US 853 (1982)