

CHALLENGED MATERIALS

Background

Despite all care taken to select materials for student and teacher use, occasional objections may occur to learning resources.

The District provides for challenges of learning resources.

Procedures

1. Resources must be selected by qualified professionals with the learning objectives of students in mind.
2. All interested individuals must have access to learning resources in order to ensure freedom of review.
3. If, after discussion of the challenged material, the parties concerned cannot reach an agreement, the complainant shall be invited to file a complaint to the Curriculum Development Advisory Committee in writing on [Form 252-1: Request for Reconsideration of Learning Resources](#).
4. The Curriculum Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) shall consist of:
 - 4.1. The Assistant Superintendent;
 - 4.2. Principal (other than the one involved in the dispute);
 - 4.3. The complainant;
 - 4.4. One librarian (from a school other than the one involved in the dispute);
 - 4.5. One parent.
5. After the complaint is filed, the Curriculum Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) will, at the earliest opportunity:
 - 5.1. Read and/or examine materials referred to it;
 - 5.2. Check general acceptance of the materials by reading reviews;
 - 5.3. Judge the materials on their entirety and not on a passage or passages out of context;
 - 5.4. Meet to discuss the material and prepare a report on it;
 - 5.5. Invite the complainant and the person(s) concerned with the selection and/or use of the material to present their views;
 - 5.6. Forward its recommendation to the Superintendent.
6. While the Curriculum Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) is considering material, it may be withdrawn from the collection and from circulation in the school involved.

7. The complainant shall have the right to appeal the recommendation of the Media Review Committee in accordance with Board Policy 13 – Appeals Bylaw. The Board, after hearing both parties, will render a decision.

Reference: Sections 7, 8, 11, 17, 20, 22, 65, 85 School Act
Evaluating, Selecting, and Managing Learning Resources: A Guide (2002)

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