

SUBJECT: OBJECTION TO INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

In order to fulfill the District's responsibility to provide information and application skills for students, a variety of books and instructional materials are used.

Parents and other members of the community may object to the use of a book or other instructional material used in the school program. A person objecting to such a book or instructional material may make a written request for review of the book or material.

The review of books or instructional materials shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth and established in administrative regulations. Such procedures shall follow these guidelines:

- a) Written requests for review shall be submitted to the Building Principal.
- b) A building level committee shall conduct the review and make a recommendation for the disposition of the objection to the book or material according to the principles and qualitative standards as stated in administrative regulation.
- c) Should the person objection to the book or material disagree with the recommendation of the building level committee, he/she may request the Superintendent to conduct a review. This review will be conducted by a District level committee which will make a recommendation for the disposition of the objection to the book or material.
- d) Should the person objecting to the book or material disagree with the Superintendent's decision, based on the recommendation of the District level committee, he/she may request the Board of Education to review the record of the work of both committees and the original written request for an interview.

Study of Specific Materials/Conflict with Religious Beliefs

In accordance with applicable law and regulation, a student may be excused from the study of specific materials relating to health and hygiene if these materials are in conflict with the religion of his/her parents/guardians. Alternatives may be provided that are of comparable instructional value.

Education Law Section 3204(5)
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Section 135.3

NOTE: Refer also to Policies #8320 -- Selection of Library and Multimedia Materials
#8360 -- Religious Expression in the Instructional Program

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