

DEFINITION

Instructional material - As used in this policy, the term "instructional material" means:

- a. Instructional materials and content which constitute the principal source of study for a state funded course to be used in the various grades in Georgia's public schools, including the elementary grades and high school grades; and
- b. Locally approved instructional materials and content which constitute the principal source of study for a state funded course, not including supplementary or ancillary material, which is adopted by a local board of education or used by a local school system. Supplementary or ancillary material includes, but is not limited to, articles, online simulations, worksheets, novels, biographies, speeches, videos, music, and similar resources in any medium, including both physical or digital.

REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Education promotes parental involvement in school district schools.

1. The Superintendent or his or her designee shall ensure that each school within the school district has in place and makes available procedures for a parent to:

- (a) Review records relating to his or her minor child;
- (b) Learn about his or her minor child's courses of study, including, but not limited to, parental access to instructional materials intended for use in the classroom. Such instructional materials will be made available for parental review during the first two weeks of each grading period, either online or on site upon a parent's request made during the review period.
- (c) Object to instructional materials intended for use in his or her minor child's classroom or recommended by his or her minor child's teacher;
- (d) Withdraw his or her minor child from the school's prescribed course of study in sex education if the parent provides a written objection to his or her child's participation. Such procedures will provide for a parent to be notified in advance of such course content so that he or she may withdraw his or her minor child from the course; and
- (e) Provide written notice that photographs or video or voice recordings of his or her minor child are not permitted, subject to applicable public safety and security exceptions.

2. The procedures required by this policy will be posted on the school district's website and made available for review on site upon request of a parent.

Parents' Bill of Rights*

A parent of a minor child at any school within the district may exercise his or her parental rights using the following procedures:

(1) A parent may review records relating to his or her minor child by contacting the office at his or her child's school requesting the same. A mutually agreeable time for parent record review will be scheduled during regular business hours.

(2) A parent may learn about his or her minor child's courses of study, including, but not limited to, parental access to instructional materials intended for use in the child's classroom, by contacting the school's principal and requesting the same. Such instructional materials will be made available for parental review during the first two weeks of each grading period, either online or on site upon a parent's request made during the review period.

(3) A parent may object to instructional materials intended for use in his or her minor child's classroom or recommended by his or her minor child's teacher by contacting the school's principal,

(4) A parent may withdraw his or her minor child from the school's prescribed course of study in sex education if the parent provides a written objection to his or her child's participation. Parents will be notified in advance of the sex education course content and parents will be given the opportunity to opt his or her minor child out of participation by notifying the minor child's teacher in writing.

(5) A parent may provide written notice that photographs or video or voice recordings of his or her minor child are not permitted, subject to applicable public safety and security exceptions, by notifying the minor child's school in writing upon the child's enrollment.

* Pursuant to Georgia Code 20-2-786 (f)