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COMPLAINTS ABOUT CURRICULA OR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The Board of Education recognizes students' rights of free access to many different types of books and instructional materials and the right of teachers and administrators to recommend different types of books and instructional materials and the right of teachers and administrators to recommend books and other materials for selection by the Board in accord with current trends in education, and to make them available in the schools.

It is the Board's intention to provide materials that present many and varying points of view on the international, national, and local issues and problems of our times. Books and other reading matter shall not be excluded because of the author's race, nationality, political or religious views, or its style or language. Books or other reading matter of sound factual authority shall neither be precluded nor removed from the library or classrooms because of partisan, doctrinal approval or disapproval.

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

1. An opportunity for an informal conference with the complainant;
2. The submittal of formal written complaints on a prescribed form;
3. The formation of an instructional material review committee, the members of which shall be recommended by the Superintendent and appointed by the Board, and which shall make recommendation to the Superintendent concerning the disposition of any complaint;
4. A decision by the Superintendent; and
5. An appeal to the Board of Education. The decision of the Board shall be final.

Procedures for Handling Complaints Concerning Curricula

All complaints concerning the content of any curriculum in use in the district shall be referred to the Superintendent of Schools.

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

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