

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The Governing Board takes great care in adoption of instructional materials; but it is aware that all adopted materials may not be acceptable to all students, student's parents/guardians, or other residents of the district.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures which will permit proper consideration of any complaints against the use of any instructional materials, including textbooks, supplementary textbooks, library books, and other instructional materials and equipment.

The Board believes the Superintendent and staff are well qualified to consider complaints concerning instructional materials. Complainants are advised to consider and accept the Superintendent or designee's decision as final. However, if the complainant finds the decision of the Superintendent or designee unsatisfactory, he/she may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of a regular Board meeting.

The Board's decision in any such case will be based on educational suitability and will not be influenced by a desire to suppress information or deny students access to ideas with which the Board disagrees.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 18111 Exclusion of books by governing board
- 35010 Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules
- 35186 Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures
- 44805 Enforcement of course of studies; use of textbooks, rules and regulations
- 51501 Subject matter reflecting on race, color, etc.
- 60000-60005 Instructional materials, legislative intent
- 60040-60048 Instructional requirements and materials
- 60119 Public hearing on sufficiency of materials
- 60200-60206 Elementary school materials
- 60226 Requirements for publishers and manufacturers
- 60400-60411 High school textbooks
- 60510-60511 Donation of sale of obsolete instructional materials

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROGRAM ADVISORIES

1002.90 Selection of Instructional Materials, CIL: 90/91-02

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Standards for Evaluation of Instructional Materials with Respect to Social Content, 1986 edition, revised 2001

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, Curriculum and Instruction: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci>