

COMPLAINTS ABOUT CURRICULA OR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility for the selection of instructional materials. The Board expects district teachers and administrators to recommend books and other materials in accord with sound educational principles and practices, and to use them effectively in the classrooms. However, the Board also recognizes the right of community members to voice concerns and/or complaints regarding the implementation of a particular curriculum and/or instructional material.

Any criticism of instructional materials that are in the schools that cannot be resolved informally shall be submitted in writing to the Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with the procedures specified in 1420-R. A review committee of the faculty will be designated by the Superintendent to investigate and judge the challenged material.

The committee shall make recommendations to the Superintendent concerning the disposition of the complaint, and the Superintendent will issue a decision. This decision may be appealed to the Board, and the decision of the Board shall be final.

Cross-ref: 4511, Textbook Selection and Adoption

4513, Library Materials Selection and Adoption

4524, School Libraries

Ref: Education Law §§1709(15); 1711(5)(f)

Board of Educ., Island Trees UFSD v. Pico, 457 US 853 (1982)