

Policy Code: 3210 Inspection and Objection to Instructional Materials

In Board Policy 3200, Selection of Educational Resources, the Board established a process for selecting instructional materials that meet State Board requirements and the educational goals of this Board. That process provides an opportunity for input in the selection of materials.

The Board recognizes that any resident, employee, parent or guardian, or student in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School System may express concerns about resources in the district's educational program. The right to inspect all instructional and supplementary resources used in connection with any applicable federally funded program exists under federal law. These individuals also may review all other instructional materials following procedures provided by the school or superintendent.

Objections regarding the use of instructional materials will be submitted to the principal. The term "instructional materials" does not include academic tests or assessments. Parents objecting to materials may request those materials be removed from use for their own child. Some materials available through the Internet and used in individual classes to provide up-to-date information or information on current events may not be available for advance review. The principal will convene the school-based curriculum committee to review the objection. While input from the community may be sought, the Board believes professional educators are in the best position to determine whether a particular instructional material is appropriate for the age and maturity of the students and for the subject matter being taught.

If the school-based curriculum committee determines the objection merits further investigation or violates the student's legal or constitutional rights, the committee will recommend to the superintendent the removal of the material from instructional use and make other accommodations for the particular student. The committee will ensure that the curriculum is aligned with the current statewide instructional standards as well as locally adopted curriculum and is articulated from grade to grade before any material is considered for removal.

The decision of the school-based committee may be appealed to the superintendent who will direct the appropriate Instructional Services Staff to form an ad hoc review committee. The committee will include representatives from the Curriculum Advisory Council and Curriculum Management Coordinating Committee. The ad hoc review committee will make a recommendation to the superintendent who will then communicate his decision to the objecting party. The decision of the superintendent may be appealed to the Board (see regulation for Inspection and Objection to Instructional Material).

Legal References: [U.S. Constitution amend. I](#); [20 U.S.C. § 1232h](#); [N.C. Constitution art. I, § 14](#); [G.S. 115C-45, -47, -81, -101](#)

Cross References: Goals and Objectives of the Educational Program (Policy 3000), Curriculum Development (Policy 3100), Selection of Educational Resources (Policy 3200)

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