
COMPLAINTS REGARDING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

It is recognized that opinions may differ on the appropriateness of any given instructional materials and equipment. Occasionally an individual or group may find instructional materials used in the schools which conflict with their views. Any resident of this district shall have the right to present a request, suggestion or complaint in reference to the physical plant, playgrounds, subject matter or instructional materials.

The superintendent shall develop procedures to give careful consideration to such requests, suggestions or complaints. These procedures must provide that:

- A. All such requests, suggestions or complaints be in writing;
- B. Whenever possible the process be initiated and solved at the lowest effective level;
- C. District response be courteous and prompt;
- D. Successive steps of appeal and mechanisms for review are available when necessary.

The use of challenged materials or equipment by class or school shall not be restricted until a final decision has been reached.

The final decision on controversial reading mater shall rest with the board after careful examination and discussion of the book or reading mater with school officials or others the board may wish to involve.

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Legal References:

Board of Education Island Trees U.F.S.D. v. Pico, 457 U.S. 853 (1982)

Cross References:

1312 Community complaints and inquiries
2220 Representative and deliberative groups
6144 Controversial issues
6161.1 Guidelines for evaluation and selection of instructional materials