

**Parental Inspection of and Objection to Educational Resources**

The Board recognizes that despite the opportunity to participate in the selection of educational resources, parents still may have concerns about educational resources used in school. Thus, to further involve parents in the education of their children, the Board also provides opportunities for parents to review educational resources and a process for parents to use when they object to educational resources.

**I. Parental Right to Inspect Resources**

Parents may review all instructional materials. The term “instructional materials” does not include academic tests or assessments. Parents who would like to inspect and review instructional materials should make a written request to the Assistant Administrator, who will then provide the parent an opportunity to inspect and review the instructional materials in accordance with the administrative procedures developed by the Head of School.

**A. Definition of Instructional Materials**

“Instructional materials” means all materials, whether print, non-print, digital, or any combination thereof, used in the instructional program. “Instructional materials” include, for example, textbooks, specialized materials selected to meet diverse needs or rapidly changing circumstances, library materials, digital resources, items in the school’s media collection and classroom collections, and teacher-selected resources for individual classes. Academic tests and academic assessments are not considered “educational resources” for purposes of this regulation.

**B. Inspection of Resources**

Parents may review all instructional materials following the procedure as set forth in this regulation.

Some resources 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; however, all resources used in reproductive health and safety education will be available for review.

**1. Written Request for Inspection of Instructional Materials**

A parent who wishes to inspect instructional materials must submit a written request to the Assistant Administrator. The written request must include the specific instructional materials being requested.

**2. Assistant Administrator’s Response to Request for Inspection of Instructional Materials**

The Assistant Administrator will respond to the parent’s request within ten (10) business days by either; a) providing the requested instructional materials to the parent; or b) providing notice to the parent that additional time is needed to respond due to the volume and/or complexity of the request. The Assistant Administrator may contact the parent to narrow the parent’s request for instructional materials to ensure timely delivery of the requested materials.

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The Assistant Administrator must provide the requested instructional materials no more than twenty (20) business days after receipt of the parent's initial written request.

### **3. Appeal to Head of School**

If the Assistant Administrator fails to respond as required under Section B.2., the parent may then submit the written request for instructional materials to the Head of School. The parent must include the date the initial request was submitted to the Assistant Administrator.

### **4. Head of School's Response to Request for Instructional Materials**

The Head of School will review the parent's request and may contact the parent to narrow the parent's request for information. The Head of School must respond to the parent's request within ten (10) days of receipt of the request by either: a) providing the requested instructional materials; or b) denying the request for instructional materials.

### **5. Appeal to Board of Directors**

In the event that the Head of School does not: a) respond to the parent's request for instructional materials; or b) denies the parent's request for instructional materials, the parent may appeal the lack of response to or denial of their request to the Board no later than twenty (20) days after the parent submitted their request to Head of School. The appeal must be made in writing, and the parent must include the date the request was made to the Head of School in their appeal to the Board.

The parent's appeal will be heard at the next Board meeting that is scheduled more than three (3) business days after receipt of the parent's appeal. Parent concerns that include confidential student or personnel information will be reviewed by the Board in closed session.

## **II. Parental Objection to Resources**

Parents may submit an objection in writing to the Assistant Administrator regarding the use of particular educational resources. The Assistant Administrator may establish a committee to review the objection. While input from the community may be received, 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 Assistant Administrator or the committee determines that any educational resources violates constitutional or other legal rights of the parent or student, the Assistant Administrator or the committee shall either remove the material from instructional use or accommodate the particular student and parent. Before any material is removed, the Assistant Administrator or the committee shall ensure that the curriculum is still aligned with current statewide instructional standards and articulated from grade to grade. If an objection made by a parent or student is not based upon constitutional or legal rights, the

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Assistant Administrator or the committee may accommodate the objection after considering the effect on the curriculum; any burden on the school, teacher, or other students that the accommodation would create; and any other relevant factors. Books and other educational resources may be removed from the school's media collection only for legitimate educational reasons and subject to the limitations of the [First Amendment](#). No "blanket" challenges, such as requesting the removal of all curriculum or books by a particular author, will be considered.

The decision of the committee or Assistant Administrator may be appealed to the Head of School. The Head of School may establish a committee to review the objection and make a recommendation. The decision of the Head of School may be appealed to the Board.