

Instruction

Challenged Instructional Materials/Curriculum

The Board of Education, though it is ultimately responsible for all curriculum and instructional materials, including library books, recognizes the need for students and teachers to have free access to many types of books and materials. It also recognizes the right of the professional staff to play a part in selecting books and other materials supportive of the district's educational philosophy and goals.

The Board will not permit any individual or group to exercise censorship over instructional materials and library collections, but recognizes that at times a reevaluation of materials may be desirable. Should an individual or group ask to have any book or other material withdrawn from school use, the procedures outlined in policy regulations will be followed.

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Any parent/guardian of a student enrolled in the Easton Public Schools with a concern about a particular book or other instructional material their child will be using, will be asked to speak to the teacher or librarian using such materials to settle any issue informally.

If this informal meeting does not settle the concern, the complainant will be asked to complete a "Request for Review of Instructional Material" form, available from all librarians and principals.

This written request will be reviewed by the teacher or librarian involved, the department chair as appropriate, and the school principal. The principal will discuss the results of the school's review with the Superintendent or his/her designee, and will provide a written answer to the complainant stating the school's position.

If the complainant is not satisfied with the answer all these steps, s/he may appeal to the Board of Education.

The principal is required to report to the Superintendent all such complaints about instructional materials, regardless of whether or not they have been satisfactorily resolved.

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REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Request made by _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Title of book/material: _____

Author: _____

Publisher: _____

1. What action would you like the school to take concerning this material?

2. Have you read all these material? _____ If not, what parts have you read?

3. What do you believe is the theme of this material?

4. Do you believe there is anything good in this material? Please explain.

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5. To what in the material do you specifically object?

6. What literary or curriculum reviews have you consulted about this material?

OPTIONAL RESPONSES

7. What material would you recommend to replace the questioned material?

8. Other comments?

Date _____

Signature _____