

**COMPLAINTS CONCERNING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS/
LIBRARY BOOKS**

The Governing Board takes great care in the adoption of instructional materials and is aware that all adopted materials may not be acceptable to all students, their parents/guardians, or other district residents.

(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)

The Superintendent or designee is directed to implement procedures which will permit proper consideration of any complaints against the use of any instructional materials, including textbooks, supplementary textbooks, library books, and other instructional materials and equipment.

The Board believes the Superintendent is well qualified to consider complaints concerning instructional materials. Complainants are advised to consider and accept the Superintendent's decision as final. However, if the complainant finds the decision of the Superintendent unsatisfactory, he/she may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of a regular Board meeting. The Superintendent or designee shall present to the Board a complete statement of the circumstances concerning the complaint at that meeting. The Board may confirm the Superintendent/designee's decision, direct further review by the administration, or take other action it deems appropriate. The Board's decision shall be final.

(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

The Board will not allow political party affiliation, racial prejudice, a desire to suppress ideas, or intent to deny students access to ideas with which the Board disagrees, to influence its decision in any such case.

(cf. 1312.4 – Williams Uniform Complaint Procedure)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 18111 Exclusion of books by governing board
- 35010 Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules
- 35186 Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures
- 44805 Enforcement of course of studies; use of textbooks, rules and regulations
- 51501 Subject matter reflecting on race, color, etc.
- 60000-60005 Instructional materials, legislative intent
- 60040-60048 Instructional requirements and materials
- 60119 Public hearing on sufficiency of materials
- 60200-60206 Elementary school materials
- 60226 Requirements for publishers and manufacturers
- 60400-60411 High school textbooks
- 60510-60511 Donation of sale of obsolete instructional materials

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Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROGRAM ADVISORIES

1002.90 Selection of Instructional Materials, CIL: 90/91-02

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

*Standards for Evaluation of Instructional Materials with Respect to Social Content, 1986 edition,
revised 2001*

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Curriculum and Instruction: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci>

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>