

## CHAPTER 4.00 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

### PROCEDURE FOR CONTESTING ADOPTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

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1. Introduction. Section 1006.28(1)(a)(3), Florida Statutes, requires School Boards to establish a process by which the parent of a public school student may contest the School Board's adoption of a specific instructional material.
2. Process. A parent of a public school student may contest the School Board's adoption of a specific instructional material in accordance with following process:
  - a. The parent must file a petition, on the form provided by the District, within thirty (30) calendar days after the adoption of the material by the School Board.
  - b. The contest form to be used for contesting adoption is available on the District website and from the Superintendent's office.
  - c. The contest form must be signed by the parent and include the parent's address, email address and telephone number, and the reasons for the objection to the adoption.
  - d. Within thirty (30) days after the expiration of the thirty (30) day filing period specified in subparagraph a., the School Board shall conduct an open public hearing on all timely filed petitions.
  - e. The School Board shall provide the petitioner written notice of the date and time of the hearing at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the hearing.
  - f. All contested instructional materials must be accessible online to the public at least seven (7) days before the hearing.
  - g. The School Board's decision following the public hearing is final and not subject to further petition or review.
3. Additional Procedures. The Superintendent is authorized to enact procedures and guidelines to further implement this rule.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 1001.41; 1001.42; 1001.43, F.S.

**LAWS IMPLEMENTED:** 1006.28, F.S.

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