

## CHAPTER 4.00 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

### OBJECTION TO INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

4.171

1. Introduction. School Board Rule 4.171 is the procedure to be followed regarding a parent's objection to his or her child's use of a textbook or particular instructional material.
2. Procedure. The following procedure shall be followed when a parent objects to an instructional material:
  - a. The objecting parent shall register his/her concerns in writing with the principal of the school where his or her child attends.
  - b. The complaint shall include the following information:
    - (i) Author, compiler, or editor of the work;
    - (ii) Publisher;
    - (iii) Title;
    - (iv) Reason for objection;
    - (v) Page number of each item of concern; and
    - (vi) The objecting parent's signature, address, email address and telephone number.
  - c. The principal shall forward the complaint to the Superintendent's office.
  - d. A committee shall be appointed by the Superintendent to review the objection. The Director for Media Services shall be responsible for the organization of the committee.
    - (i) The following shall compose a review committee for elementary schools:
      - a) The chairperson of the County-wide Media Advisory Council or designee;
      - b) Elementary media specialist;
      - c) Elementary principal;
      - d) A curriculum supervisor;

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- e) Three (3) instructional staff members at the elementary level; and
  - f) Two (2) parents of elementary age students.
- (ii) The following shall compose a review committee for secondary schools:
- a) The Chairperson of the County-wide Media Advisory Council or designee;
  - b) Secondary media specialist;
  - c) Secondary principal;
  - d) A curriculum supervisor;
  - e) Three (3) instructional staff members at the secondary level; and
  - f) Two (2) parents of secondary age students.
- e. The objecting parent shall have an opportunity to address the committee.
- f. The committee shall make its recommendation to the Superintendent within fifteen (15) days. The Superintendent shall make a final decision within five (5) days of receipt of the District committee's recommendation.
3. Appeal. The complainant may appeal the Superintendent's decision to the School Board within thirty (30) days. The School Board shall conduct a hearing and render the final decision on the objecting parent's concern within sixty (60) days.

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