

EDUCATION PROGRAM

Series 600

Policy Title Objection to Instructional *and Library* Materials

Code No. 605.03

Members of the school district community may object to the instructional *and library* materials utilized in the school district and ask for their use to be reconsidered.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the principals, to develop administrative regulations for reconsideration of instructional materials. *Information related to the process for reconsideration of instructional and library materials will be made available on the district's website.*

Parents or guardians of students enrolled in the district have the ability to request that their student not be able to access certain instructional materials or check out certain library materials. For purposes of prohibiting access to instructional materials, Iowa law has defined instructional materials to mean either printed or electronic textbooks and related core materials that are written and published primarily for use in elementary school and secondary school instruction and are required by a state educational agency or district for use by students in the student's classes by the teacher of record. Instructional materials does not include lesson plans.

Note: SF 496 now requires that parents have the ability to prohibit access to instructional materials for their child. Districts now also have a legal obligation to send this policy and accompanying regulation/exhibits to parents and guardians at least annually.

NOTE: This is a mandatory policy including the language allowing parents or guardians to request their student not be provided with certain instructional materials. The district is required to provide this policy and accompanying regulation/exhibits to parents at least annually either in paper or electronic form. . The board may edit the policy and regulation to reflect its philosophy, goals and practices.

Legal Reference:

Iowa Code §§ 279.8; .74, .77; 280.3,.14; 301
281 I.A.C. 12.3(12).

Cross Reference:

213.00 Public Participation in Board Meetings
402.05 Public Complaints About Employees
602.00 Curriculum Development
605.00 Instructional Materials

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