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Descriptor Term:
PARENTAL INSPECTION AND OBJECTION TO
INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Descriptor Code:
3.6100

Legal References: U.S. Const. and amendments; 20 U.S.C. § 1232h; N.C. Const. art I, § 14; G.S. 115C-45, -47, -81,-98, -101

Cross References:

Parents have a right under federal law to inspect all instructional and supplementary materials used in connection with any applicable federally funded programs. Parents also may review all other instructional materials following procedures provided by the school or superintendent.

Parents may submit objections to the principal regarding the use of instructional materials. The principal may establish a committee to review the objection. While input from the community may be sought, the board believes the professional educators to be in the best position to determine whether a particular instructional material is appropriate for the age and maturity of the students and for the subject matter being taught.

If the principal or the committee determines that any material violates constitutional or other legal rights of the parent or student, the principal or the committee shall either remove the material from instructional use or accommodate the particular student and parent. Before any material is removed, the principal or the committee shall ensure that the curriculum is still aligned with the Standard Course of Study or Essential Standards and articulated from grade to grade. If an objection made by a parent or student is not based upon constitutional or legal rights, the principal or the committee may accommodate such objections after considering the affect on curriculum, any burden on the school, teacher or other students that the accommodation would create and any other relevant factors.

The decision of the committee or principal may be appealed to the superintendent. The decision of the superintendent may be appealed to the board in accordance with policy 1.7550/4.3500 Student Grievance Procedure.

The superintendent shall develop the necessary administrative procedures to implement this policy.