

CHAPTER 4.00 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

CHALLENGED MATERIALS

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- I. The following policy shall be followed when the appropriateness of District-adopted books or materials is questioned:
 - A. School-community citizens may register their concerns with the Superintendent or principal of the school where material is being challenged.
 - B. All concerns shall be presented in writing on a printed form that is available in each school office, the Superintendent's office, or on the District website. The written objection must be filed within thirty (30) calendar days of the adoption of the material. A complainant who does not complete and return the form within the required time shall receive no consideration.
 - C. Within thirty (30) days after the initial thirty-day period has expired, the School Board shall conduct at least one public hearing on all petitions received during the thirty-day time period. The petitioner(s) shall be notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing.
 - D. The contested material shall be made available to the public online at least seven (7) days before the hearing.
 - E. The decision of the School Board, after convening a hearing, shall be final and not subject to further review or petition.
- II. Procedures to be followed when the appropriateness of books or materials is questioned are delineated in the District's Media Specialist Handbook. This procedure is also available from the Superintendent's office, the school principal, and on the District's Media and Instructional Technology Department website.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

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