

LAGUNA BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

BP 1312.2

Community Relations

The Governing Board uses a comprehensive process to adopt district instructional materials that is based on selection criteria established by law and Board policy and includes opportunities for the involvement of parents/guardians and community members. Complaints concerning the content or use of instructional materials, including textbooks, supplementary instructional materials, library materials, or other instructional materials and equipment, shall be properly and fairly considered using established complaint procedures.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to discuss any concerns regarding instructional materials with their child's teacher and/or the school principal. If the situation remains unresolved, a complaint may be filed using the process specified in the administrative regulation.

The district shall accept complaints concerning instructional materials only from staff, district residents, or the parents/guardians of children enrolled in a district school.

When deliberating upon challenged materials, the Superintendent and/or review committee shall consider the educational philosophy of the district, the professional opinions of teachers of the subject and of other competent authorities, reviews of the materials by reputable bodies, the teacher's stated objectives in using the materials, community standards, and the objections of the complainant.

Complainants are encouraged to accept the Superintendent's or review committee's decision. However, if the complainant finds that decision unsatisfactory, he/she may appeal the decision to the Board.

The district's decision shall be based on educational suitability of the materials and the criteria established in Board policy and administrative regulation.

When any challenged instructional material is reviewed by the district, it shall not be subject to further reconsideration for 12 months, unless the Superintendent determines that reconsideration is warranted.

Complaints related to sufficiency of textbooks or instructional materials shall be resolved pursuant to the district's Williams uniform complaint procedure at AR 1312.4.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 18111 Exclusion of books by governing board
- 35010 Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules
- 35186 Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures
- 44805 Enforcement of course of studies; use of textbooks, rules and regulations
- 51501 Subject matter reflecting on race, color, etc.
- 60000-60005 Instructional materials, legislative intent
- 60040-60048 Instructional requirements and materials
- 60119 Public hearing on sufficiency of materials
- 60200-60206 Elementary school materials
- 60226 Requirements for publishers and manufacturers
- 60400-60411 High school textbooks
- 60510-60511 Donation of sale of obsolete instructional materials

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