

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS BP 1312.2

The Governing Board uses a comprehensive process to adopt ROP instructional materials that is based on selection criteria established by law and Board policy and includes opportunities for the involvement of parents/guardians, adult students, 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 student's teacher and/or the Coordinator of Curriculum & Assessment. If the situation remains unresolved, a complaint may be filed using the process specified in the administrative regulation and exhibit.

The ROP shall accept complaints concerning instructional materials only from staff, adult students, or the parents/guardians of students currently enrolled in one of ROP's partner district schools. (Education Code 35160)

However, a complaint related to the use or prohibited use of any existing textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or other curriculum for classroom instruction, or any book or other resource in the ROP library that alleges unlawful discrimination based on a violation of Education Code 243 shall be filed, investigated, and resolved in accordance with Board Policy 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

When deliberating upon challenged materials, the Superintendent or designee or committee established by the Superintendent or designee to review the materials shall consider the degree to which the materials align with the criteria for instructional materials as specified in law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. In addition, such deliberations may consider the educational philosophy and vision of the ROP; the educational suitability of the materials, including the manner in which the materials support the curriculum and appropriateness for the student's age; the professional opinions of teachers of the subject and of other competent authorities and/or experts; reviews of the materials by reputable bodies; the stated objectives in using the materials; community standards; the allegations in the complaint, including the extent to which the objections are based on the dislike of ideas contained in the materials; and the impact that keeping or removing the materials would have on student well-being.

The Superintendent or designee or committee established by the Superintendent or designee to review the materials shall not prohibit the continued use of an appropriately adopted textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or other curriculum for classroom instruction, or any book or other resource in the ROP library on the basis that it contains inclusive and/or diverse perspectives, as specified in Education Code 243.

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If the complainant finds the decision of the Superintendent or designee or the review committee established by the Superintendent or designee, unsatisfactory, the complainant may appeal the decision to the Board.

Any challenged instructional material that is reviewed by the ROP shall not be subject to further reconsideration for twelve (12) months, unless required by law.