

COMPLAINTS ABOUT INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The Board of Education (the Board) recognizes its responsibility for the selection of instructional materials. The Board expects Bethlehem Central School District (the District) teachers and administrators to recommend books and other materials in accord with sound educational principles and practices, and to use them effectively in the classrooms. However, the Board also recognizes the right of community members to voice concerns and/or complaints regarding the implementation of a particular curriculum and/or instructional material.

Any criticism of instructional materials that cannot be resolved at the building level shall be submitted in writing to the superintendent. An Instructional Material Review Committee, consisting of the District's assistant superintendent, building principal, department supervisor and a teacher, will be designated by the superintendent to examine the challenged material.

The committee shall make recommendations to the superintendent concerning the disposition of the complaint, and the superintendent will issue a decision. This decision may be appealed to the Board, and the decision of the Board shall be final.

Ref: Education Law §§1709(15); 1711(5)(f)
Board of Educ., Island Trees UFSD v. Pico, 457 US 853 (1982)

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