

# INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES AND MATERIALS

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Purpose: To establish the board's vision for instructional materials and the basic structure for parental examination of certain materials.

Instructional materials are all materials designed for use by students and their teachers as a learning resource. They may be printed or non-printed and may include books, audiovisual materials and kits.

The professional staff will have primary responsibility for the selection of instructional materials and resources. They will seek the involvement of parents and other community members in selecting instructional materials. The selection of instructional materials will follow state board of education regulations as well as other legal requirements. All materials will support the schools' educational philosophy, goals and objectives. The board will handle challenges to materials as provided in policy KEC.

## **Parental inspection of certain materials**

Parents of center students have the right to inspect all instructional materials including teacher's manuals, films, tapes or other supplementary materials which will be used in connection with any survey, analysis or evaluation as part of any applicable program.

The center will make the materials available for inspection at appropriate locations.

The center will not require any student to submit to a survey, analysis or evaluation that reveals information prohibited by law as cited in the references below.

The center will give parents and students effective notice of their rights under the law.

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Legal references:

A. 20 U.S.C. Code, Section 1232h, as amended:

1. SEC.439.

- (a) All instructional materials, including teacher's manuals, films, tapes, or other supplementary material which will be used in connection with any survey, analysis, or evaluation as part of any applicable program shall be available for inspection by the parents or guardians of the children.
- (b) No student shall be required, as part of any applicable program, to submit to a survey, analysis or evaluation that reveals information concerning --
  - (1) political affiliations;
  - (2) mental and psychological problems potentially embarrassing to the student or his family;
  - (3) sex behavior or attitudes;
  - (4) illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating and demeaning behavior;
  - (5) critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
  - (6) legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers; or

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- (7) income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program), without the prior consent of the student (if the student is an adult or emancipated minor), or in the case of an unemancipated minor, without the prior written consent of the parent.
- (c) educational agencies and institutions shall give parents and students effective notice of their rights under this section.