

Instruction

SUBJECT: OBJECTION TO INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

Any criticism of instructional materials that are in the schools should be submitted in writing to the Superintendent and the Board will be informed. A committee, including the librarian and building principal, will be designated by the Superintendent to investigate and judge the challenged materials according to the principles and qualitative standards stated in Policy #8320 - Selection of Library and Multimedia Materials.

~~The Board recognizes the rights of parents to request that their child not be given certain instructional materials.~~

~~Citizen requests for reconsideration of a textbook or instructional materials are to be submitted on forms adopted by the Gouverneur Central School District Board of Education. These are available in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.~~

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Controversial Issues

Controversial issues may be studied as part of the curriculum and teachers shall present these issues in their classrooms in an impartial and objective manner.

Teachers wishing to call upon outside speakers in the presentation of controversial issues are required to obtain the approval of the principal who shall keep in mind the obligation for presenting opposing views as well, and who shall inform the Superintendent prior to the presentation.

~~It is recognized that~~ If parents and citizens of the community believe ~~have a right to protest to the school administration when convinced~~ that unfair and biased presentations are being made by the teacher, ~~In considering such protests,~~ the Superintendent may shall provide for a hearing so that both parties may fairly express their views. ~~If requested, the Superintendent's decision may be appealed to the Board of Education.~~

Education Law Section 3204(5)
8 NYCRR Section 135.3

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