

Library Program

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The Board of Education is committed to providing a wide range of learning resources to meet the educational needs of all students in its schools. Responsibility for selecting and recommending learning resources is the responsibility of professional staff employed by the Board.

As learning resources may include sensitive and controversial content, the Board expects that good judgement will be exercised and that there will be consultation with other professionals and parents where deemed appropriate.

The following selection criteria should be taken into consideration when selecting learning resources.

Selection Criteria:

1. The Board approves using learning resources that are provincially evaluated and carry the status “Ministry Recommended” or “Educational Resource Acquisition Consortium (ERAC Evaluated”.
2. Supplementary instructional resources including print and electronic material, library resources, guest speakers and presenters, field trip sites, and other teaching and resources that are used to enhance, broaden, or support provincial or local curricula should be selected taking the following considerations into account:
 - 2.1 relevance to the curricular competencies and content of the course(s).
 - 2.2 readability and age appropriateness
 - 2.3 appropriate content and presentation for the subject area and age and maturity level of students
 - 2.4 other factors being equal, priority will be given to learning resources developed and produced in Canada

Learning Resources Challenge Procedures

3. The staff member will receive the complaint but make no comment or commitments, and advise the Principal of the complaint and its nature.
4. If after discussion with the Principal, mutual satisfaction has not been reached, the complainant may file an objection in writing using a Review of a Learning Resource form.
5. The Principal shall inform the Superintendent and request a referral of the complaint to a Resource Review Committee.
6. The Resource Review Committee shall be a broadly representative ad hoc committee with representation from the following:

- Trustee
- School Pac representative
- FNDTA representative
- BCGEU representative
- Student (where appropriate)
- School Principal or Vice Principal
- Superintendent of designate

7. The complainant will have the right to attend and present at a Resource Review Committee meeting convened to discuss the curricular competencies being reconsidered.

8. The Resource Review Committee will in a timely manner, read and examine materials referred to it; check acceptance of the materials by reading reviews; and meet to discuss the material and reach a decision on its continued use.

8. The Superintendent or designate will inform the complainant in writing of the decision of the Resource Review Committee.

9. The complainant can appeal the decision of the Resource Review Committee to the Board as per Bylaw # 2 Appeals.

10. Access to challenged material shall not be restricted during the review process unless otherwise determined by the Superintendent.