

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 67 (OKANAGAN SKAHA)

POLICY

POLICY #470 Challenged Materials

RATIONALE

Despite all care taken to select materials for student and teacher use, occasional objections may occur to learning resources.

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The Board provides for challenges of learning resources.

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REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

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1. Resources must be selected by qualified professionals with the learning objectives of students in mind.
2. All interested individuals must have access to learning resources in order to ensure freedom of review.
3. If, after discussion of the challenged material, the parties concerned cannot reach an agreement, the complainant shall be invited to file a complaint to the Media Review Committee in writing on a "Request for Reconsideration of Learning Resources" form (available from the school board office).
4. The Media Review Committee shall consist of:
 - a member of the Board of Education;
 - the superintendent or his/her nominee;
 - a school principal (other than the one involved in the dispute);
 - the complainant or his/her nominee;
 - one librarian (from a school other than the one involved in the dispute);
 - one parent.
5. After the complaint is filed, the Media Review Committee will, at the earliest opportunity:
 - read and/or examine materials referred to it;
 - check general acceptance of the materials by reading reviews;
 - judge the materials on their entirety and not on a passage or passages out of context;
 - meet to discuss the material and prepare a report on it;
 - invite the complainant and the person(s) concerned with the selection and/or use of the material to present their views;
 - forward its recommendation to the board of education.
6. While the Media Review Committee is considering material, it may be withdrawn from the collection and from circulation in the school involved.
7. The complainant shall have the right to appeal the recommendation of the Media Review Committee. The board of education, after hearing both parties, will render a decision.

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