

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The Monterey County Board of Education (County Board) uses a comprehensive process to adopt instructional materials that is based on selection criteria established by law and County Board policy and includes opportunities for the involvement of parents/guardians and community members. Complaints concerning the content or use of instructional materials, including textbooks, supplementary instructional materials, library materials, or other instructional materials and equipment, shall be properly and fairly considered using established complaint procedures.

(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)

Parents/guardians are encouraged to discuss any concerns regarding instructional materials with their student's teacher and/or the school principal. If the situation remains unresolved, a complaint may be filed using the process specified in the administrative regulation.

Complaints concerning instructional materials shall be accepted only from staff, parents/guardians of students enrolled in Monterey County Office of Education (MCOE) programs, or county residents.

When deliberating upon challenged materials, the Monterey County Superintendent of Schools (County Superintendent) and/or a review committee appointed by the County Superintendent shall consider the educational philosophy of the MCOE, the professional opinions of the teachers credentialed in the subject area, the teacher's stated objectives in using the materials, community standards, and the objections of the complainant.

If the complainant finds that decision unsatisfactory, he/she may appeal the decision to the County Board.

(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

The decision shall be based on educational suitability of the materials and the criteria established in County Board policy and administrative regulation.

(cf. 6144 - Controversial Issues)
(cf. 9000 - Role of the County Board)
(cf. 9005 - Governance Standards)

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When any challenged instructional material is reviewed, it shall not be subject to further reconsideration for 12 months, unless the County Superintendent determines that reconsideration is warranted.

Complaints related to sufficiency of textbooks or instructional materials shall be resolved pursuant to the MCOE's Williams uniform complaint procedure.

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning Employees)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

18111	<i>Exclusion of books by governing board</i>
35010	<i>Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules</i>
35186	<i>Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures</i>
44805	<i>Enforcement of course of studies; use of textbooks, rules and regulations</i>
51501	<i>Subject matter reflecting on race, color, etc.</i>
60000-60005	<i>Instructional materials, legislative intent</i>
60040-60048	<i>Instructional requirements and materials</i>
60119	<i>Public hearing on sufficiency of materials</i>
60200-60206	<i>Elementary school materials</i>
60226	<i>Requirements for publishers and manufacturers</i>
60400-60411	<i>High school textbooks</i>
60510-60511	<i>Donation of sale of obsolete instructional materials</i>

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