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PUBLIC COMPLAINTS ABOUT CURRICULUM OR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS	1503.03

The Committee, though it is ultimately responsible for all curriculum and instructional materials (including library books), recognizes the need and right of students to free access to many different types of books and materials. It also recognizes the right of the professional staff to select books and other materials supportive of the educational philosophy and goals of city schools.

The Superintendent assumes responsibility for all books and instructional materials made available to students; he/she holds the professional staff accountable for their proper selection. He/she recognizes the rights of individual parents with respect to controversial materials used by their own children and will provide for the reevaluation of materials in library collections upon formal request. The students' right to learn and the freedom of teachers to teach will be respected.

Criticism of a book or other materials used in the schools may be expected from time to time. In such instances the school will follow the Administrative Procedures set out in Procedures for Reconsideration of Curriculum and/or Instructional Materials or Procedures for Reconsideration of Library/Resource Center Materials. Any substantial changes to these procedures will be presented to the Melrose School Committee.

Legal Refs: M.G.L. 71:48; 71:49; 71:50

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