

**PARENTAL INSPECTION AND
OBJECTION TO INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS** *Policy Code: 3210*
(saved as Board Policy-parental inspection)

1. **Procedures to Review Instructional Materials:**
 - A. Parents are to contact the child's teacher.
 - B. Materials may be provided to the parent to review for no more than five (5) school days. All materials must be returned to the school at the end of this review period.
 - C. After review of the materials, the parent may discuss with the teacher any materials they feel are objectionable. The teacher may provide an alternative assessment if he/she deems appropriate, or the teacher is to share the proper procedures for the parent to object to the school principal.

2. **Review of Instructional Materials Committee**
 - A. Upon review by the principal of parental described objectionable materials, the principal will establish a committee to review the objection.
 - B. The Review Committee will consist of the principal and/or assistant principal, the teacher of the student, the grade level or department chair, the school's Instructional Facilitator, members of the School Improvement Committee, and the ECS School Support Director and/or a Central Office administrator. At least seven (7) persons shall be in attendance for this review, including the principal, the grade level/department chair, and a Central Office administrator.
 - C. The Review Committee or the principal may determine to remove the material if it is in violation of the Constitution or other legal rights, or the principal or committee may accommodate the student and parent, or the committee may uphold the instructional material based upon review of the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.
 - D. The principal or committee may find the instructional materials to be aligned with Standard Course of Study objectives, but yet, may choose to make an accommodation after considering the effect of curriculum, any burden on the school, the teacher or other students that the accommodation would create, and any other relevant factors.

Appeal to the Superintendent

- A. Upon review by the superintendent of parental described objectionable materials, the superintendent will establish a committee to review the objection based upon receipt of a formal letter of objection by the parent.
- B. The superintendent will meet with the parent to discuss process, procedures, the objectionable materials, and the next step of the appeal process.
- C. The superintendent will establish a Review Committee that will consist of the School Support Director, a parent from the Parent Advisory Council, the teacher of the student, the school's Instructional Facilitator, a member of the School Improvement Committee, and a member of the Business Advisory Committee. At least seven (5) persons shall be in attendance for this review, including the School Support Director, the grade level/department

chair, and a Central Office administrator. A recommendation will be made by the committee to the superintendent.

C. The superintendent has the final word of the appeal process from the Review Committee. The superintendent may uphold the ruling of the Review Committee or he/she may make a determination based on their research and knowledge of the subject. The superintendent may determine to remove the material if it is in violation of the Constitution or other legal rights, or may accommodate the student and parent, or may uphold the instructional material based upon review of the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.

Appeal to the Board of Education

The appellant may appeal the decision of the superintendent to the Elkin City Schools Board of Education. The Board of Education will hear the appellant in "Closed Session" and make a decision based upon school law. The Board of Education reserves the right to have the school board attorney present at the hearing. The appellant will have a written statement from the Elkin City Schools Board of Education within five(5) school days of the hearing.