

## **INSTRUCTION**

### **Instructional Materials and Equipment Challenged Library and Instructional Materials**

This policy supersedes Policy 3009.4.

#### **I. PURPOSE**

To establish and maintain clear procedures for handling challenged materials.

#### **II. SUMMARY OF CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION**

This policy has been reviewed, and there are no changes at this time.

#### **III. RIGHTS TO CHALLENGE**

Any person residing in Fairfax County or Fairfax City, any parent or guardian of a child who attends Fairfax County Public Schools, or any person working for the school system may challenge library materials or instructional materials, whether basal, program, or supplementary. Complainants may request the removal of, restriction of, or expanded access to such materials.

In reviewing challenges, the School Board will give priority to challenges filed by parents or guardians of children who attend Fairfax County Public Schools and who are currently and directly affected by the use of specific materials and to challenges filed by Fairfax County Public Schools teachers or administrators whose students are currently and directly affected by specific materials.

Procedures are to be specified in the regulations of the school division. Procedures should conserve limited staff resources, discourage the monopolization of the challenge process by a few individuals, and require complainants to submit complete, substantive, and fully researched challenge requests. Procedures shall reflect that the School Board has delegated to the Superintendent and to staff members the initial review and decision regarding all challenges and that the Board, after reading the challenged books, will accept for review only those appeals that at least four Board members determine merit such review.

Legal Reference: Code of Virginia, Section 22.1-253.13:7 Standards of Quality Standard 7.D2

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