

Bandon School District 54

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PUBLIC COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTIONAL/LIBRARY MATERIALS**

The Board, although it is ultimately responsible for all book purchases, recognizes the students' rights to free access to many different types of books. The Board also recognizes the right of teachers and administrators to select books and other materials in accord with the current trends in education and to make them available in schools.

Therefore, books and other reading matter will be chosen for its value to all students in the community. A book will not be excluded because of the writer's race, nationality, political or religious values or because of the book's style and language. Every effort will be made to provide materials that present all points of view concerning the international, national and local problems and issues of our times. Books and other reading matter of sound factual authority will not be prescribed or removed from library shelves or classrooms because of partisan, doctrinal approval or disapproval.

Censorship of books will be challenged to maintain the school's responsibility to provide information. Accordingly, the Board will deal with censorship of books or other materials as follows:

1. The final decision on controversial reading matter rests with the Board after careful examination and discussion of the material with school officials or others the Board may wish to involve.
2. No parent or group of parents has the right to determine the reading matter for students other than their own children.
3. The Board recognizes the right of an individual parent to request that his or her child not be required to read a given book, provided a written request is made to the appropriate building principal.
4. Any parent who wishes to request reconsideration of any book's use in the school must make such a request in writing on forms provided through building principals.

END OF POLICY

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Legal References:

ORS 192.610 - 192.690

ORS 332.107

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Anderson v. Central Point School District No. 6, 554 F. Supp. 600
(D. Oregon 1982); aff'd in part, 746 F.2d 505 (9th Cir. 1984).

Connick v. Myers, 461 U.S. 138 (1983).

** As used in this policy, the term parent includes legal guardian or person in a parental relationship. The status and duties of a legal guardian are defined in ORS 126.003 - 126.095. The determination of whether an individual is acting in a parental relationship, for purposes of determining residency, depends on the evaluation of the factors listed in policy GBHA. The determination for other purposes depends on evaluation of those factors and a power of attorney executed pursuant to ORS 126.030.