

Controversial Issues Regarding Instructional MediaIntent of this Policy

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that consideration be given to issues that concern the operation and program of the County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools that may be considered controversial. All issues considered to be controversial shall be reviewed in a systematic manner upon the request of the concerned individual.

2. Identification of Controversial Issues

In order to ensure opportunities for review of controversial issues, the Marin County Superintendent of Schools shall request that individuals identify any concerns relating to controversial issues by submitting a statement in writing. The written statement should contain the following information:

- a. Title of book, recording, film, or other items of instructional media.
- b. Name of author, publisher, producer, and/or sponsor.
- c. Location, context, or practice in which the controversial issue is identified.
- d. Identification of individual and a statement of his basis for concern.

3. Review of Controversial Issues

A report of the written statement and a review of the concern shall be reported at a regular meeting of the Board of Education. The Marin County Board of Education may appoint a committee to review the issue. The committee shall consist of at least three members, including the Marin County Superintendent of Schools or his designate, one of the original evaluators of the material, if possible, a representative from the program, or district involved, and any additional members the County Board may deem necessary.

4. Reporting of Findings of Investigations or Studies

The committee investigating the issue shall submit a report, including recommendations or actions to the Marin County Board of Education.

5. Withdrawal of Materials from Approved Lists

When media are withdrawn from approved lists by the Marin County Board of Education, a notification will be sent to publishers or sponsors and to district and county personnel or other persons involved or concerned with such action.

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Approved by
County Board of Education

Marin County Schools Office