

# SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SRSD File: KEC

## **COMPLAINTS ABOUT INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

### Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to recognize the right of constituents to complain about instructional materials and to provide a process for them to do so.

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The school board, though it is finally responsible for all book purchases, recognizes the student's right of free access to many different types of books. The board also recognizes the right of teachers and administrators to select books and other instructional materials in accord with current trends in education and to make them available in the schools. It is, therefore, the policy of the school board to require the materials selected for our schools to be in accord with the following:

1. Books and other reading matter shall be chosen for values of interest and enlightenment of all students in the community. A book shall not be excluded because of the race, nationality, political, or religious views of the writer or of its style and language.
2. Every effort will be made to provide materials that present all points of view concerning the problems and issues of our times. Materials of sound factual authority shall not be prescribed or removed from the library or classrooms due to partisan or doctrinal approval or disapproval.
3. The District reserves the right to challenge the censorship of materials in order to maintain the school's responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.

The School Board has adopted procedures for addressing complaints about books or other school materials. See SRSD File: KEC-R.

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