



Book	Policy Manual
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**BRICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Policy**

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X	Other Reasons

COMPLAINTS REGARDING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The Brick Township Board of Education recognizes that opinions may differ on the appropriateness of any given instructional materials and equipment. Occasionally an individual or group may find instructional materials used in the schools that conflict with their views. Any resident of this district shall have the right to present a request, suggestion or complaint in reference to the physical plant, playgrounds, subject matter or instructional materials.

The superintendent shall develop procedures to give careful consideration to such requests, suggestions or complaints. These procedures shall provide that:

- A. All such requests, suggestions or complaints shall be submitted in writing;
- B. Whenever possible the process be initiated and solved at the lowest effective level;
- C. District response is courteous and prompt;
- D. Successive steps of appeal and mechanisms for review are available when necessary.

The use of challenged materials or equipment by class or school shall not be restricted until a final decision has been reached.

The final decision on controversial reading matter shall rest with the board after careful examination and discussion of the book or reading matter with school officials or others the board may wish to involve.

Key Words

Instructional Materials, Complaints Regarding Instructional Materials, Complaints, Censorship

Legal

[N.J.S.A. 18A 11-1: General mandatory powers and duties](#)

[N.J.S.A. 18A 54-20: Powers of board](#)

[Board of Education Island Trees U.F.S.D. v. Pico, 457 U.S. 853 \(1982\)](#)

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