

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL

Author _____

Format of Material _____

Title _____

Publisher/Producer _____

Request initiated by _____ Telephone () _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Complaint represents:

_____ Himself/Herself

_____ (Name of organization) _____

_____ (Identify other group) _____

1. To what in the material do you object? (Please be specific)

2. In your opinion, what harmful effects might students experience as the result of use of this material?

3. Did you review the entire material? Yes _____ No _____

4. Do you perceive any educational value resulting from the use of this material?

5. Is there any age group of students for whom you would recommend this material?

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1. Is there any material on a similar subject that you would recommend as substitute for the material in question?

2. What would you like the school to do about this material?

_____ Do not circulate it to my child

_____ Withdraw it from all students as well as from my child

_____ Other _____

3. Do you wish to make an oral presentation before the review committee?

_____ Yes _____ No

Signature _____ Date _____

Library Bill of Rights

The American Association affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

1. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
2. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
3. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.
4. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.
5. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.
6. Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.

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