

Elkton School District 34

Code: **KLB**
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Public Complaint about the Curriculum or Instructional Materials

The Board, although it is ultimately responsible for all book purchases, recognizes the right of students 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 value of interest and enlightenment of all students in the community. A book will not be excluded because of the race, nationality, political or religious values of the writer or of its 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 actual 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 in order to maintain the school's responsibility to provide information and enlightenment. 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 book or reading matter 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 to be required to read a given book, provided a written request is made to the appropriate building principal.
4. Any parent who wished to request reconsideration of the use of any book in the school must make such request in writing on forms provided through building principals.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 336.035](#)
[ORS 337.120](#)
[ORS 337.141](#)

[ORS 337.150](#)
[ORS 337.260](#)
[ORS 339.155](#)

[OAR 581-011-0050 to -0119](#)
[OAR 581-021-0046](#)
[OAR 581-022-1520](#)
[OAR 581-022-1640](#)

Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 (IASA), 20 U.S.C. Sections 6301-8962.