INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES **Policy 6241**
(Regulation 6241)
Instruction **(Form 6241)**

Challenged Materials

The Board has the ultimate responsibility for establishing the curriculum and for purchasing instructional and/or media materials to be used in the District. While the Board recognizes the right of students to free access to the many different types of books and instructional materials, the Board also recognizes the right of teachers and administrators to select books and other materials in accord with current trends in education and the established curriculum.

It is therefore the policy of the Board to require that books and other instructional materials shall be chosen for values of educational interest and the enlightenment of all students in the community. Instructional materials shall not be excluded on the basis of the writer's racial, nationalistic, political, or religious views. Every effort will be made to provide materials that present all points of view concerning international, national and local problems and issues of our times. Books, or other instructional or media materials of sound factual authority, shall not be prescribed, nor removed from library shelves or classrooms on the basis of partisan or doctrinal approval or disapproval. The Board will strive to provide stimulating, effective materials that will be appropriate to the community's values and the students' abilities and maturity levels.

Instructional or media materials used in the District's educational program consist of various types of print and non-print materials. Despite the care taken to select those materials deemed to be educationally useful, occasional objections to the selection of instructional materials may be made by the public. However, the principles of academic freedom and the freedom to read must be defended, rather than the materials.

If a challenge is made, it should be properly channeled through guidelines and procedures established by the Board.

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REVIEW OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Type of material (book, film, pamphlet, etc.): _____

Title of material: _____

Author: _____

Publisher: _____

Your name, address, telephone number: _____

Complainant also represents others: _____

Organization name: _____

Other group-identify:_____

To what part of the material do you object? Cite words, page numbers: _____
_____

Why do you object to this material? _____
_____

Are you familiar with the range of materials used in the school system on this topic? _____
_____

Do you approve of presenting a diverse point of view about this material in the classroom?
_____

Have you read the material in question in its entirety? _____

Should this be withdrawn from all students? Yes _____ No _____

_____ Date_____
Signature of Complainant

Please return this information to: Dr. Larry L. Brown, Supt.
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Marionville, MO 65705