

SOUTHERN FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: CHALLENGES TO
INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

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<p>1. Guidelines</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">109.1. CHALLENGES TO INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS</p> <p>The following procedure shall be followed for consideration of the action on criticism of text and materials by individuals or groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The complaining parent/guardian must have a child in the school where the offending book or material is used or available for circulation.2. The complaining parent/guardian must have read the offending book or material and complete the district form (see Appendix A) provided for this purpose.3. If the complaining parent/guardian does not wish to have his/her child read or use a particular text, book or material, the building administrator will review and discuss the issue(s) with the parent/guardian and will make a decision as to whether or not a change in the text, book or material for the particular child is warranted. If a change is deemed warranted, an alternate assignment will be given by the teacher.4. If the complaining parent(s)/guardian(s) wish to have an offensive text, book or material removed from circulation in a school, classroom or library, the written complaint will then be reviewed by an ad hoc committee of teachers appointed by the building principal who will serve as chairperson. The committee will:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Study the written complaint (district form).b. Review the text rationale (see Appendix B), if one was prepared prior to text adoption.c. Present a written report to the Superintendent regarding the use of the text, book or material. This report should include (1) the credentials of the book, (2) a response to the complaint, and (3) the recommendation to the committee.
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5. Within ten (10) school days after reviewing the committee's recommendation, the Superintendent will send a letter to the complainant summarizing the action taken.
6. If the complainant is not satisfied, s/he may appeal in writing to the Board. The Board may conduct a hearing where both the complainant and the committee can present their position.
7. The decision of the Board shall be sent, in writing, to the complainant and the review committee.
8. Use of the questioned material will not be discontinued during the period of reconsideration.