

POLICY KEC

Board of Education Las Cruces Public Schools

Related Entries: IJL, IJL-RA, KEC-RA

Responsible Office: Associate Superintendent of Operations

Public Concerns/Complaints about Library Resources

I. PURPOSE

The Board of Education is committed to establish a system for the review and challenge of library materials.

II. POSITION

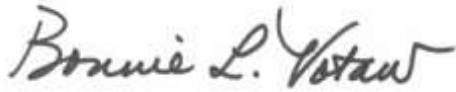
- A. The Board of Education is committed to protect the needs and rights of students to free access to many different types of print and non-print materials. In addition, the Board recognizes the right of the professional staff to select print and non-print materials supportive of the school district's educational goals.
- B. The Board recognizes that despite the care taken to select materials for student and teacher use, occasional objections may be raised by community members, students, or school staff. In such instances, the principles of the freedom to read and professional responsibility of the staff should be defended.
- C. The Board recognizes that the final authority as to what materials an individual student will be exposed to rests with that student's parents or guardians. However, at no time will the wishes of one child's parents to restrict his/her reading or viewing of a particular item infringe on other parents' rights to permit their children to read or view the same material.
- D. The Board will not permit any individual or group to exercise censorship over library materials, but it recognizes that, at times, a re-evaluation of certain material may be desirable.
- E. The Superintendent shall establish a complaint procedure and committee to review such complaints or challenges.
- F. No questioned material shall be removed from the school except upon the recommendation of the committee, with the concurrence of the Superintendent and the Board of Education.

III. REVIEW

This policy shall be reviewed on an ongoing basis in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.

History: Formerly Policy 428

Legal Reference: N/A



May 20, 2008

Board of Education, President

Date Approved