

**SERIES 800**  
**SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

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**PUBLIC COMPLAINTS ABOUT INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

The Board recognizes that occasional objections to instructional materials used in the schools may arise despite the quality of the selection process. It is the policy of the Board to allow for the reconsideration of instructional materials questioned.

The Board supports principles of intellectual freedom inherent in the First Amendment of the constitution of the United States. In the event that materials are questioned, the principles of intellectual freedom, the right of access to materials and the integrity of the professional personnel must be defended rather than the materials.

Marshall Public Schools shall not discriminate in the selection and evaluation of instructional materials on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, color, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

Legal References:     Sections 118.13 Wisconsin Statutes  
                                  121.02(1)(h)  
                                  PI 9.03(1), Wisconsin Administrative Code

Cross References:     Administrative Rule 871, Procedures for Handling Public Complaints  
  About Instructional Materials  
                                  Administrative Exhibit 871 (1), Request for the Reconsideration of  
  Instructional Materials  
                                  Administrative Exhibit 871 (2), Checklist for Review Committee's  
  Reconsideration of Fiction Instructional  
  Materials  
                                  Administrative Exhibit 871 (3), Checklist for Review Committee's  
  Reconsideration of Non-Fiction  
  Instructional Materials  
                                  361, Section of Instructional Materials  
                                  Board Rule 411, Student Discrimination Complaint Procedures

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