

**PUBLIC CONCERN ABOUT THE CURRICULUM
OR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL**

The School Committee, though it is finally responsible for all book purchases, recognizes the student's right of free access to many different types of books. The Committee also recognizes the right of teachers and administrators to select books and other materials in accord with current trends in education and to make them available in the schools. It is therefore the policy of the Committee to require the materials selected for the Weston Public Schools to be in accord with the following:

1. Books and other reading matter shall be chosen for values of interest and enlightenment of the students in the community. A book shall not be excluded because of the race, nationality, political, or religious view of the writer.
2. Every effort will be made to provide materials that present diverse points of view concerning the problems and issues of our times, international, national, and local, and books or other reading matter of sound factual authority shall not be proscribed or removed from library shelves or classrooms because of partisan, doctrinal approval or disapproval.
3. Censorship of books or other curriculum materials shall be challenged by the School Committee in order to maintain the school's responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.

In accordance with No. 3 above, the School Committee has adopted the following policy when dealing with concern of citizens regarding books or other materials:

1. That the final decision for controversial reading matter or other curriculum materials shall rest with the School Committee after careful examination and discussion of the book or other materials with school officials or anyone else the School Committee may wish to involve.
2. That no parent, group of parents, or other citizen has the right to determine the reading matter for students other than their own children.
3. That the School Committee however, recognizes the right of an individual parent to request that his/her child not have to read a given book or other materials provided a written request is made to the appropriate school Principal. Provided the request is timely, alternative material will be assigned if available.
4. That any parent who wishes to request reconsideration of the use of any book or material in the school must make such a request in writing on forms available from the school Principal.

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