607.3 Instructional Resources and Materials

Policy

Instructional resources and materials used to deliver a substantive portion of the Program of Studies in District schools shall be provincially or locally authorized.

Regulations

1. Locally authorized instructional resources and materials shall be appropriate to the curriculum and the cognitive level of the students, meet acceptable standards with respect to content and language, and reflect tolerance and understanding.

2. All resources and materials must comply with the Recognizing Diversity and Promoting Respect Standards by Alberta Education.

3. Students shall not be denied basic instructional supplies and materials because of financial hardship or as leverage for the collection of outstanding fees.

4. Complaints with respect to the appropriateness of instructional resources shall be handled as follows:
   4.1. The matter should be discussed with the relevant teacher.
   4.2. The complainant may appeal the decision of the teacher to the principal in writing.
   4.3. The complainant may appeal the decision of the principal to the Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services.

The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to develop the procedures necessary to implement this policy

References

Alberta School Act: Sections 8, 39
District Policies: 802.2 Student Fees, 505.9 Appeals
Other: Alberta Education – Authorized Resources Database
Recognizing Diversity and Promoting Respect Standards (Alberta Education)