

WEST HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

POLICY 1230

Community Relations

Public Complaints

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Persons making complaints shall be referred to the most immediate level at which the problem can be resolved.

The Board advises the public that the proper channeling of general complaints is as follows:

1. Teacher
2. Principal
3. Assistant Superintendent
4. Superintendent
5. Board of Education

Complaints Regarding Instructional Materials

In cases where the criticism involves approved materials, the Superintendent shall establish a procedure which includes a process by which the complaint will be investigated. In all cases the decision to retain or reject such materials shall be made on the basis of whether or not the material has literary or social value.

(cf. 1220 - Citizens Advisory Committees)

(cf. 5730 - First Amendment Rights)

(cf. 6235 - Controversial Issues)

(cf. 6420 - Equipment, Books, Materials: Provision/Selection)

Legal Reference:

Keyishian v. Board of Regents, 385 U.S. 589, 603 (1967)

President's Council, District 25 v. Community School Board No. 25,
457 F.2d 289 (1972), cert. denied 409 U.S. 998 (1976)

Minarcini v. Strongsville City School District, 541 F.2d 577 (6th Cir.
1976)

Board of Education, Island Trees Union Free School District No. 26 v.
Pico, 457 U.S. 853 (1982)

Academic Freedom Policy (adopted by Connecticut State Board of
Education, 9/9/81)

Connecticut General Statutes

10-238 Petition for hearing by board of education

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