



RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Spring Green, Wisconsin 53588

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Handling Complaints About Instructional Materials

The River Valley Board of Education recognizes that occasional objections to potentially controversial instructional materials will be made including, but not limited to, those dealing with sex, sexual orientation, politics, religion, race, drugs, violence, language/swearing, evolution and the like. Such objections may emanate from educators, parents, students, or other groups.

In the event that materials are questioned, the school's responsibility to provide information and enlightenment and to defend the principles of intellectual freedom and the right to access of materials shall be maintained. The Board supports the principles of intellectual freedom inherent in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution as expressed in the Library Bill of Rights of the American Library Association, the School Library Bill of Rights of the American Association of School Librarians, the Student's Right to Read of the National Council of Teachers of English, and the Statement of Intellectual Freedom of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology.

Any person objecting to a particular instructional material may file a complaint in accordance with established procedures found in Policy #871-Rule.

The River Valley School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, gender, ancestry, religion, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or other protected status in the selection and evaluation of instructional and library materials or media or in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies: Business Manager, 660 W. Daley, Street, Spring Green, WI 53588, 608-588-2551, and Pupil Services Director, 660 Varsity Blvd., Spring Green, WI 53588, 608-588-2554. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

Complaints alleging sexual harassment occurring before August 1, 2024, are governed by policies 411.3 and 511.2. Complaints alleging discrimination on the basis of sex (including sex-based harassment) occurring after August 1, 2024, are governed by policy 411.5/511.3.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.13 Wisconsin Statutes
121.01(1)(h)
PI 9.03(1), Wisconsin Administrative Code

CROSS REF.: Policy #361 - Selection of Instructional Materials
Policy #411 - Rule, Discrimination Complaint Procedures
Policy #871-Rule - Procedures for the Reconsideration of Instructional Materials
Policy #871-Exhibit – Request for Reconsideration of Instructional Materials

Policy 411.5/511.3 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex (Title IX) in Education Programs or
Activities and Related Grievance Process
Policy 411.3 Title IX: Sexual Harassment Policy for Students and Other Applicable Individuals
Policy 511.2 Title IX: Sexual Harassment Policy for Employees

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