

EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

For the purpose of this policy, instructional materials are defined as any content used by one or more students for an educational purpose, regardless of its format or the time, place, and manner in which it is used. Library materials are considered instructional materials when assigned by teachers to be used by students to complete an assignment. Sources that students use in the completion of independent research, including online articles or other online materials, are not considered instructional materials.

The Maggie L. Walker Regional School Board is responsible for the selection and use of instructional materials. The executive director or executive director's designee creates and updates, as necessary, guidelines and procedures for the selection of instructional materials. The guidelines and procedures are designed to ensure that appropriate instructional materials are selected and provide an opportunity for the professional staff and community to participate and be informed on the selection and use of instructional materials.

Pursuant to Va. Code § 22.1-16.8, schools identify instructional materials that include sexually explicit content as defined in Va. Code § 2.2-2827 and notify parents prior to use. This is done by listing course materials in the syllabus and on the course's page on the Learning Management System.

Parents may inspect, on request, any instructional material used as part of their student's curriculum. Upon parent request, nonexplicit material will be provided as an alternative.

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Legal Refs.: 20 U.S.C. § 1232h Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 2.2-2827, 18.2-390, 22.1-16, 22.1-16.8.

Cross Ref: Pol 2050-R – Regulation for Distribution of Materials