

Appeal Process for Disapproval or Objections For Sex Education Curriculum

Submission of Objection

- Please provide a written statement explaining the objection, including specific materials, reasons for the objection, and any supporting evidence.
- Objections should be submitted within 30 days of presentation of material
- The school or district should acknowledge the receipt of the objection within 10 days of receiving objection.

Review Committee for Appeal

City Academy will maintain an Instructional Material Review Committee that evaluates the objection.

The committee includes:

- Members of the school community council
- Educators and subject matter experts
- Parent and community representatives
- Legal or compliance officers if needed to ensure adherence to policy and law

Response to Appeal

This committee will review the appeal within 10 days and make a determination based on:

- Academic integrity of the materials
- Relevance to curriculum goals
- Appropriateness of content

Outcome of the Appeal

After review, the committee should make one of the following decisions:

- **Uphold the Adoption:** The committee concludes that the materials meet the necessary standards and are appropriate for the intended educational purposes.
- **Modification of Materials:** If the committee finds valid objections, they may recommend modifications or the replacement of specific sections of the materials.

- **Disapproval of Materials:** If the materials are found to be inconsistent with academic goals or problematic in other ways, they may be rejected, and a new adoption process must begin.

Final Decision

The final decision is made by the **Governing Board** of the school district or charter school. This board will review the committee's findings and make the final ruling on whether to uphold, modify, or reject the instructional materials.

- The governing board should make its decision within 15 days after receiving the committee's recommendations.
- The board's decision must be based on clear documentation and a thorough review of the committee's findings.

Notification of Decision

Once the governing board has made its decision, all parties involved in the appeal process should be notified in writing. This notification will include:

- A clear explanation of the board's decision
- Reasons for the decision, particularly if materials are rejected or modified
- Information on how the decision may be appealed to the Utah State Board of Education if further recourse is desired

Appeal to the Utah State Board of Education

- If an individual or group is dissatisfied with the local decision, they have the right to appeal to the **Utah State Board of Education**.
- **State-Level Review:** The Utah State Board of Education will review the materials, objections, and local process to ensure compliance with state law and educational standards. The State Board's decision is final.
- Final Decision by Governing Board: Within 15 days after committee recommendation
- Appeal to Utah State Board: Within 30 days of local decision