

SCHOOL BOARD



POLICY PROJECT



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BROWARD
County Public Schools



Proposed Policy Revisions

The proposed policies will receive minor or major language updates as statutes dictate.

Current Policy Number	New Policy Number	Title	Urgency	Summary of Revisions
6308	4140	Instructional and Digital Classroom Materials	The proposed policies must be reviewed and updated to comply with HB 1467 and HB 1557.	Information added on maintaining searchable list of instructional materials on District website. Details instructional materials contestation process. Incorporates cone of silence regulations and Maintenance of Effort funds.
6317	4120	Library Media/ Innovative Learning Commons		Policy 6317 was repealed on 9/13/2022 due to substantial changes in Florida Statutes 1006.28 and House Bill 1467 and 1557. Policy 4120 includes information on access to library materials, collection and selection of library materials, and procedures for objections to library materials and reading lists.
6000.5	4130	Gifted Education		Updates include the removal of the Highly Gifted Program in elementary, addition of the 2017 transfer information for out-of-state gifted students and military families, addition of the Procedural Safeguards for gifted. Removal of waiver process for problem model. Change "Sunshine State Standards" to "Florida Standards.



Policy 4120 (formerly 6317-repealed)

Library Media/Innovative Learning Commons

Page	Section	Rationale
1-2	Section IA-IB	Access to Library Materials - School media centers must provide equity of access to library media Materials.
2-7	Section IIA-IIF	Collection and Selection of Library Materials - The collection and selection of library media materials are governed by statutory and constitutional law. The collection and selection of library materials align with the school's educational goals and objectives by providing resources that support the entire school community.
7-10	Section IIIA-IIIC	Procedures for Objections to Library Materials and Reading Lists - Pursuant to FLA. STAT. § 1006.28(2)(a)2, Each district school board must adopt a policy regarding an objection by a parent or a resident of the county to the use of a specific material, which clearly describes a process to handle all objections and provides for resolution.



Policy 4130 (formerly 6000.5) Gifted Education

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2, 4, 5, and 7	I-F(1), I-F(3) II, III-E(1) and III-E(3)	Updated transfer information for in and out of state gifted students along with military families. All students who have documentation that they were in a gifted program, in or out of state will be eligible for gifted in Florida.	Per state rule, students who were gifted in other states are eligible for gifted services in Florida regardless of their eligibility requirement.
2	I-E(1)	Removal of the highly gifted program for elementary.	The highly gifted program was discontinued over 15 years ago.
3	I-G(3), I-G(4), II, III-F(3), III-F(4)	Removal of language that states schools can go through a waiver process to provide a program model for gifted that is not currently approved by our gifted procedural guide.	Schools must select an approved district model.
8	IV	Addition of the Gifted Procedural Safeguards for gifted.	Information was previously excluded.



Policy 4140 (formerly 6308) Instructional and Digital Classroom Materials

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2	I-D	Added information on publishing list of core curriculum instructional materials to website.	Per state statute 1006.28, a list of all instructional materials must be published on the District website.
3	III-A	Added information on the process for protesting instructional and digital materials and instructional materials committee information.	Per state statute, 1006.28, meetings of committees convened for the purpose of ranking, eliminating, or selecting instructional materials for recommendation, must be noticed and open to the public.
9	VI-B(d)	Added information on the Cone of Silence during the review process.	Per School Board Policy 3320 Purchasing policies, the cone of silence regulation applies to the instructional materials review process.
15	IX	Added Maintenance of Effort and Science Lab Funds, as related to the purchase of non-adopted or additional instructional materials beyond initial textbook adoption year.	Incorporates previous School Board Policy 2.5 Flexibility State Textbook Funds.



Newly Suggested Process with Board Feedback

Phase 1 -Complete Objection to Library/Instructional Materials Form

- The parent or resident of the county completes the Objection to
- Library/Instructional Materials form located on SBBC homepage.
 - * **Schoolwide access coming soon**

Phase 2 -Notifications

- Notifications are sent to the principal where challenge originates as well as the Innovative Learning Department staff and school board members.
- Any item subject to an objection must be removed within 5 school days of receipt of the objection and remain unavailable to students at that school until the objection is resolved. (HB 1069)
- The Objection to Library/Instructional form is reviewed by the Library Media Curriculum Supervisor to ensure it addresses statutory violation.
- Innovative Learning will need additional staff members to facilitate this process.



Phase 3 - Review Process

- Innovative Learning notifies Superintendent Committee which convenes to review the material.
- Any committees convened for the purpose of resolving an objection by a parent or resident to specific materials must include parents of students who will have access to such material. (HB 1069 pg. 15 paragraph 5 pending)
- The committee applies guidelines in deciding the appropriateness of classroom materials (FLDOE Training 1006.29).

Phase 4 - Decision Rendered

- A decision will be rendered within 15 days of receipt of the challenge. The school board and public will be notified of decision.
- Once the committee makes a decision the committee will submit their recommendation to the School Board of Broward County, the Superintendent, and the parent/resident.



Phase 5 - Appeal

Appeal Option 1

- If a parent/resident disagrees with the determination made by the Superintendent's Review Committee then they may request inclusion on the School Board agenda.

Appeal Option 2

- If the parent/resident disagrees with the district school board on the objection to use of a specific material, a parent/resident may request the Commissioner of Education to appoint a special magistrate who is a member of the Florida Bar in good standing and who has at least 5 years of experience in administrative law. (HB 1069)

Each district school board must adopt a policy regarding an objection by a parent or a resident of the county to the use of a specific material, which clearly describes a process to handle all objections and provides for resolution. The process must provide the parent or resident the opportunity to proffer evidence to the district school board. (HB 1069)





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