

# GUHSD Board Policy Regarding the Reconsideration of Materials

Recommendations from GUHSD Library Council, November 14, 2023

GUHSD Board Policy regarding the reconsideration of materials include:

- [BP 1312.2 Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials](#) (Adopted 11/5/92)
- [AR 1312.2 Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials](#) (Issued 11/5/92)
- [E 1312.2 Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials](#)

To prevent the unilateral banning of instructional materials at site, district, or board levels without due process, below are recommendations related to these policies, which apply to both classroom and library materials. All recommendations fully comply with current GUHSD board policy. While updating policy language would remove ambiguity, please note that current language allows for implementing recommendations even without formal updates.

<b>Recommendation #1:</b> <b><u>If the determination is made to move a complaint forward for consideration, a review committee should always be convened to provide a recommendation.</u></b>	A review committee is currently allowed for, but with “The Superintendent or designee will determine whether the complaint should be considered on an individual basis or whether a review committee should be convened” ( <a href="#">AR 1312.2</a> ), it is unclear what it means to “be considered on an individual basis. A review committee should be standard.
<b>Recommendation #2:</b> <b><u>A district review committee should be assembled each spring for the following school year and membership should be enumerated to ensure thoughtful, fair review.</u></b>	While <a href="#">AR 1312.2</a> provides some process guidance for a review committee, there is no information regarding committee membership. For reference, see page 5 “Annual District Review Committee” of <a href="#">Poway Unified School District's AR 6163.1(e)</a> . Defining membership prior to a challenge may proactively eliminate undue bias.
<b>Recommendation #3:</b> <b><u>Clear, detailed guidance should be created regarding review committee procedures, including reviewing the complaint form for update. Guidance shall have a full review.</u></b>	As mentioned above, <a href="#">AR 1312.2</a> provides some process guidance for a review committee, but it is not detailed. See more detailed recommendations provided in the “Reconsideration of Materials” section of <a href="#">GUHSD Library Collection Management Guidelines</a> . Library Council is also ready to draft guidance in collaboration with others.

## Request from Library Council

Teacher Librarians value information sharing. We welcome your questions and conversation, and we invite increased awareness about the school library program. Below are some starting points:

- [GUHSD Library Collection Management Guidelines](#) - Learn about how Teacher Librarians professionally manage library collections, which differ from classroom materials.
- [GUHSD's Comprehensive Library Program](#) - School libraries meet learning needs including, but also much beyond, providing access to books.
- [The State of GUHSD Libraries and Our Vision for the Future: Equity and Access](#) and [Student Learning](#) - Contact site Teacher Librarians for recent, specific information.