

## **Policy Code: 3320 Challenged Resources Guidelines**

### **Concept**

Any employee or parent of a child in Johnston County Schools may challenge resources used in the educational program noting the fact that the individuals selecting such resources were duly qualified to make the selection, followed the procedures for selection, and observed the criteria for selecting resources.

The principal of the school will review selection policies and procedures with the school staff at the beginning of each school year. The staff will be reminded that the right to a review of a resource is one granted by the Johnston County Schools Board of Education and the procedures in this policy must be followed.

No parent has the right to determine the reading, viewing or listening resources for children other than their own.

The Johnston County Schools Board of Education supports freedom of and the right to a redress of grievances in both the First Amendment of the Constitution, and expressed in the Library Bill of Rights and in the American Association of School Librarians Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights. The Board also supports Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights.

The major criterion for the selection and utilization of the resources is appropriateness of the resource for its intended educational use.

A decision to sustain a challenge shall not be interpreted as a judgment of irresponsibility on the part of the professionals involved in the selection and/or use of the resource. Professional personnel shall not be punished or have their employment affected by decisions reached by the Review Committee at the school or system level.

Legal References: [G.S. 115C-98](#)

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