

**Supplementary Instructional Materials**

The Board encourages teachers to use supplementary materials which are relevant to curriculum objectives and appropriate for students' ages and abilities. By using such materials, teachers can introduce content and instructional strategies that enrich the curriculum, enhance learning, help students make critical judgments, and stimulate their intellectual growth.

When selecting supplementary materials for classroom use, teachers should carefully review them and provide appropriate introductory and follow-up activities. Supplementary materials should not supplant the use of basic texts or teaching activities. Films must be used within legal copyright limits.

*(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)*

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a prescreening process to be used when a teacher desires to show a film not previously approved by the district, county or state for educational purposes. The film may be used if found educationally suitable when so previewed.

Before showing any film not previously approved by the district, county or state for educational purposes, the teacher shall notify parents/guardians that the film will be shown. Students who do not receive parental permission to view the film shall be excused to an alternative supervised activity.

*(cf. 4119.24-Academic Freedom)*  
*(cf. 6142.1 - Family Life/Sex Education)*  
*(cf. 6144 - Controversial Issues)*

**Legal References:**

EDUCATION CODE

- 18111 Exclusion of books by Governing Board
- 44806 Duty re instruction in morals, manners and citizenship
- 51510 Prohibited study or supplemental materials
- 51511 Religious matters properly included
- 51550 Sex education materials

McCarthy v. Fletcher, 207 Cal.App.3d 130, 1989

SRVEA v. San Ramon Valley Unified School District  
No. C88-0516 (Contra Costa Super.Crt., July 30, 1990)