

WARRICK COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION BOONVILLE, INDIANA	Code:
	CHALLENGES TO SCHOOL LIBRARY MATERIALS

The parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the Warrick County School Corporation ("WCSC") or a community member residing within the WCSC district may request the removal of material in a school's library on the basis that such material is "obscene," as described in Indiana Code § 35-49-2-1, or "harmful to minors", as described in Indiana Code § 35-49-2-2, by abiding by the following procedure:

1. The individual shall first request, in writing, a meeting with the school's media specialist at which the material is located by providing: (i) his/her full name and contact information, (ii) the name of his/her student enrolled at the school or his/her residential address, and (iii) a description of the material that is obscene and/or harmful to minors. The school's media specialist shall then meet with the individual to discuss the matter.
2. If the individual is not satisfied after a discussion with the school's media specialist, the individual may request, in writing, a meeting with the school principal to discuss the matter. The school principal shall then meet with the individual to discuss the matter.
3. If the individual is not satisfied after a discussion with the school principal, the individual may complete a Request for Removal of Library Materials form provided by the school and submit it to the school principal. The challenged material shall remain in use during the review and appeal process.
4. Upon receipt of the completed Request for Removal of Library Materials form, the school principal shall provide a copy of the completed Request for Removal of Library Materials form to each member of the review committee, which may include the school's media specialist/ librarian, school principal, a classroom teacher(s), and shall include a parent of a student enrolled at the school, and a representative of the Superintendent's office ("Review Committee"). The Review Committee for each school shall have five (5) members.
5. Within fifteen working days of the school principal's receipt of the completed Request for Removal of Library Materials form, the Review Committee shall:
 - a. Review the statutory definitions of "obscene" and "harmful to minors;"
 - b. Read, view, and/or listen to the material in its entirety to determine whether the material meets the definitions of "obscene" and/or "harmful to minors;" and
 - c. Issue a written decision to the school principal, Superintendent, and the individual challenging the material stating whether the challenged material will be removed from the school library.
6. If the individual is not satisfied with the Review Committee's decision, the individual may appeal that decision to the Board by providing the Superintendent ("Appeal"), within ten working days of receiving the decision, with (i) a copy of the completed Request for Removal of Library Materials form, (ii) a copy of the Review Committee's decision, and (iii) a request for appeal of the decision.

7. At the next public meeting following the submission of the Appeal, the Board shall vote on whether to remove the challenged material.

Legal Reference: I.C. § 20-26-5.5-1(a); I.C. § 35-49-2-1; I.C. § 35-49-2-2

Adopted: