

## Educational Materials Review Committee Interest to Serve Application

In Wisconsin, it is the role of the local school board to establish written policies, procedures, and rules for the operation of the schools within the District, to adopt textbooks, and to provide adequate materials and texts which reflect the cultural diversity and pluralistic nature of the American society. In addition, the District shall not discriminate in the selection and evaluation of instructional materials on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

The Board of Education, as the governing body of the District, is legally responsible for all educational materials utilized within the instructional program of the Appleton Area School District. The selection of educational materials is delegated to the professionally trained and certified personnel employed by the school system. The responsibility for coordinating and maintaining qualitative standards in the selection process rests with the Assessment, Curriculum, and Instruction (ACI) department.

In the event that an adult resident or employee of the Appleton Area School District should object to a Board of Education adopted educational material and the objection is not satisfactorily addressed at the school level, the objection will be addressed by the AASD Educational Materials Review Committee. This committee is composed of citizens, parents, professional staff members and students. The task of the Committees is to review the material in question and provide written recommendation(s) to the Superintendent of School regarding its continued use in the District.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, wish to serve on the AASD Educational Materials Review Committee as a: (*identify one role*)

- parent of a K-6 student
- parent of a grade 7-12 student
- non-parent community member (must be a resident of the AASD)

If selected, I agree to uphold, to my best ability, the following objectives and criteria, as identified in Educational Materials Selection Policy (361.1):

- Materials are selected consistent with the educational goals of the District regarding locally designed standards, State standards, and National standards.
- Materials selected are appropriate for the age, social development, and maturity of students.
- Materials and information shall meet high standards of quality in factual content and presentation.

- Materials and information shall have factual, aesthetic, literary, ethical, or social value.
- Materials and information chosen shall be written/produced by competent and qualified authors and producers.
- Materials and information shall be chosen to represent our pluralistic society and to foster respect for all groups of people who form our society.
- Physical format and appearance of materials and information shall be suitable for their intended use.
- Materials are selected on all levels of difficulty with diverse appeal and differing points of view.
- The selection of materials on political theories and ideologies, religion, public issues, and on topics considered by some to be controversial, is directed toward maintaining a balance representing various views.
- Materials are judged as a whole taking into account the author's/producer's intent rather than focusing on single words, phrases, pictures, or incidents taken out of context.

Further, I commit to giving the time and energy necessary to prepare for and actively participate in all meetings required of this position.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Forms should be returned to Donna Goetzke, by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. No forms will be accepted after that date/time.

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Should you have questions, please contact any of the following individuals at (920) 832-6161:

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