

**Kelowna Christian School**  
**Policies and Procedures**  
**404b - Classroom Learning Resource Selection Policy**

When acquiring resources, every effort is made to find materials that are developmentally appropriate and of good educational value.

In general this means...

- Resources should support the mission of the school to “provide a quality education for the whole person, taught from a biblical perspective”
- Resources should be appropriate to the age of the students with whom they are being used and be sensitive to the standards of the community

At KCS, not all materials will be overtly Christian, but will be deemed to be mission appropriate. Students will be equipped to discern and evaluate.

We want students to be able to read and learn from good resources while at the same time understanding the cultural context in which they were produced.

Occasionally, material that is used can be interpreted as inappropriate for Christians. We firmly believe that God created this whole world. As humans, we have tainted the world and there is sin that is prevalent in our lives; but as a Christian educational institution, we desire to tackle tough issues with challenging questions/topics that require appropriate discernment in order to understand them. We expect our staff to lead our students through these tough issues. We want our students to ask challenging questions.

At times, some families may have questions about a resource (print or media) that is being used.

**Procedure for Dealing with Challenged Materials**

Our Learning Resource selection is under constant review. If there is an objection to a learning resource being used in the classroom, the following procedure shall be followed:

- a) The complainant must read the book, view the media, etc.
- b) If there is still a concern, the complainant should discuss the concern with the classroom teacher or the librarian and attempt to resolve it informally.
- c) If the issue isn't resolved, the complainant may fill out the form "Request for Reconsideration of a Resource" (available online in the Policy section of the school

website). The form must be returned to the site principal who will decide if the material should be formally reviewed.

d) The principal may then create a reconsideration committee (made up of staff and the complainant) to review the challenged material.

e) The reconsideration committee will re-evaluate the material to make sure that it supports KCS's curriculum and mission.

f) While the resource is being reconsidered, it will remain available for use.

g) Material will not be reconsidered within five years of a previous challenge and procedure.