

**TOUGH TIMES & TOUGH MEETINGS:
THE BOARD'S ROLE IN NAVIGATING HOT BUTTON ISSUES**

September 23, 2021

POLICIES YOUR DISTRICT SHOULD HAVE (AND BOARD MEMBERS SHOULD BE AWARE OF)

Policy Numbers May Vary By District

204.09 Rules of Order	606.01 Instructional Materials Selection
204.10 Agenda	606.02 Instructional Materials Inspection
204.12 Public Comment in Board Meetings	606.03 Objection to Instructional Materials
504.08 Freedom of Student Expression	606.04 Technology and Instructional Materials
603.01 Curriculum Development	607.02 School Ceremonies and Observances
603.02 Curriculum Adoption	607.10 Classroom Environment
603.04 Curriculum Evaluation	609.01 Evaluation of Instructional Programs
604.09 Teaching about Religion	610.01 Test or Assessment Selection
604.10 Academic Freedom	610.02 Test or Assessment Administration
604.11 Citizenship	1003.00 Public Examination of District Records
605.03 Program for High Ability Learners	1005.01 Public Complaints
605.05 Religious Based Exclusion from School Prgm	

KEY COMMUNICATION, LINKS & EXAMPLES:

Auburn Public Schools Illness Plan

<https://www.auburnpublicschools.org/page/communicabledisease>

Columbus Public Schools Illness Plan

[https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/838776/Staff -
Covid Return Information - Complete.pdf](https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/838776/Staff_-_Covid_Return_Information_-_Complete.pdf)

Examples of Columbus Public Schools Statements on CRT & the Health Standards

“Critical Race Theory (CRT) is just that, a theory. The instruction of this theory is better served in post-secondary institutions. We teach the adopted curriculum by the Columbus Public Schools Board of Education in a public meeting, which does not include CRT and never has.

“While adjustments have been made and a second draft of the Health Standards have been released, Columbus Public Schools again, will not adopt these standards. We will use the final standards as a guiding document and develop our own health standards that better reflect the community of Columbus.”

TOPICS MOST BOARD MANUALS DEAL WITH

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How Meetings are run, how the public has input

- 204.09 Rules of Order
- 204.10 Agenda
- 204.12 Public Comment in Board Meetings
- 1005.01 Public Complaints

How curriculum is created or changed

- 603.01 Curriculum Development
- 603.02 Curriculum Adoption
- 603.04 Curriculum Evaluation
- 609.01 Evaluation of Instructional Programs

How controversial topics are taught

- 504.08 Freedom of Student Expression
- 604.09 Teaching about Religion
- 604.10 Academic Freedom
- 605.05 Religious Based Exclusion from a School Program

How citizenship and patriotism are handled

- 604.11 Citizenship (and also 203.06 – Committees)
- 607.02 School Ceremonies and Observances

How textbooks and teaching materials are considered

- 606.01 Instructional Materials Selection
- 606.02 Instructional Materials Inspection
- 606.03 Objection to Instructional Materials
- 606.04 Technology and Instructional Materials

How testing is handled

- 610.01 Test or Assessment Selection
- 610.02 Test or Assessment Administration

Other topics of frequent interest

- 605.03 Program for High Ability Learners
- 607.10 Classroom Environment (items appropriate to a classroom)
- 1003.00 Public Examination of District Records