

Notice to Families Regarding Instructional Materials That May Contain Sexually Explicit Content

The Newport News Public Schools (NNPS) curriculum provides students with a wide range of opportunities to learn about and understand the world around them. Through engaging instruction, aligned to the Virginia Department of Education's Standards of Learning and Curriculum Frameworks, students will be exposed to various texts, resources, and materials.

The NNPS School Board Policy, [IJA-Instructional Materials with Sexually Explicit Content](#) in compliance with Section 2.2-2827 of the Virginia Code has established procedures for schools to identify all instructional materials with sexually explicit content. Additionally, NNPS has published a [List of Instructional Materials](#) that may contain content as defined in Section 2.2-2827 of the Virginia Code that states, "Sexually explicit content" means (i) any description of or (ii) any picture, photograph, drawing, motion picture film, digital image or similar visual representation depicting sexual bestiality, a lewd exhibition of nudity, as nudity is defined in Section 18.2-390, sexual excitement, sexual conduct or sadomasochistic abuse, as also defined in Section 18.2-390, coprophilia, urophilia, or fetishism."

Parents and legal guardians can review the materials in English, Health and Physical Education, Science, Social Studies, and Visual and Performing Arts. After reviewing the materials, if families believe the content is unsuitable for their student, they may complete an [Alternative Instructional Materials Form](#). The form will be sent to the building principal, teacher, and school guidance counselor to ensure that an alternative assignment is provided.