

Kanawha County Board of Education Policy
Alternative Reading Assignments
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35.01 Purpose. To provide a process by which parents may request alternative, secondary reading materials for their child. This request may be made if the assigned reading is objectionable to the parent or student.

35.02 Supplemental Materials. County adopted textbooks, along with a wide variety of supplemental materials, are provided to all teachers to assist them in the development and delivery of quality lessons. It is the responsibility of the classroom teacher to incorporate these materials into the daily instruction. Teachers have the right to select supplemental reading materials and use them as part of their class requirements.

Supplemental reading materials do not include county wide adopted textbooks or other materials that have been approved previously as part of the curriculum requirements necessary to deliver high quality lessons. Teachers will select supplemental reading materials that have defined, documented learning objectives consistent with the course objectives.

If a parent objects to a particular reading assignment, other than one from the currently adopted text, a request for an alternative assignment can be made. This alternative assignment must meet the objectives as the original assignment. The process for requesting this alternative assignment is as follows.

35.03 Process.

- (1) Teachers who may require students to read supplemental materials as part of class instruction will list such supplemental materials on the course syllabus. A copy of the syllabus for the succeeding school year will be available prior the end of the then current school year.
- (2) If a teacher intends to assign supplemental reading material that may be objectionable, such teacher will notify parents by means of a *Request for Alternative Reading Assignment* form (attached hereto as Appendix A). This notification will be provided with the course syllabus.
- (2) Parents who wish to request an alternative reading assignment will

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return the form to the school at the beginning of the school year.

- (3) The school/teacher will provide an alternative reading assignment to the student. This assignment must meet the objectives of the original assignment.

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APPENDIX A

Kanawha County Schools
Request for Alternative Reading Assignment

Dear Parent,

The following reading assignment will be given to your child as part of the requirements for his/her _____ class.

Name of Book: _____

Author: _____

While we believe this assignment to be of educational benefit and value to your child, portions of the book may be objectionable due to:

- ___ Sexual Content
- ___ Profane Language
- ___ Violence
- ___ Adult Situations

If you wish to request an alternative reading assignment for your child, please complete the bottom portion of this form and **return it to the school principal prior to the beginning of school.**

Sincerely,

_____ Teacher

Name of School: _____ Date: _____

(Return this portion to the school principal within three (3) school days)

I request that my child be given an alternate reading assignment to replace the following assignment: _____

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My request is based on the following: _____

I understand that this request must be returned to the school principal prior to the beginning of school. I also understand that my child is responsible for completing all parts of the alternative assignment.

Parent Signature: _____ Date:

Principal Signature: _____ Date: