SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: CURRICULUM REVIEW BY

PARENTS AND STUDENTS

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Derry Area School District

105.1 CURRICULUM REVIEW BY PARENTS AND STUDENTS 1. Purpose This policy is established to comply with the requirement of the State Board of Education that school districts provide parental access to information about the curriculum. 2. Authority The Board adopts this policy to ensure that parents and students have an Title 22 opportunity to review instructional materials and have access to information about Sec. 4.4 the curriculum, including academic standards to be achieved, instructional materials 20 U.S.C. and assessment techniques. Sec, 1232h 3. Definition Instructional material means instructional content that is provided to a student, 20 U.S.C. regardless of its format, including printed or representational materials, audiovisual Sec. 1232h materials, and materials in electronic or digital formats (such as materials accessible through the Internet). For purposes of this policy, the term does not include academic tests or academic assessments. 4. Guidelines Upon request by a qualifying parent or student, the district will make available Pol. 102, 105, existing information about the curriculum, including academic standards to be 127 achieved, instructional materials and assessment techniques. 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232h The following conditions shall apply to any request: 1. No more than one (1) request per semester may be made by any qualifying parent or student each school year, per enrolled child. 2. To assist the school district in providing the correct records to meet the needs of the requesting party, the request must be in writing setting forth the specific material being sought for review.

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- 3. The written request shall be in triplicate and sent to classroom teachers, building principals, and superintendent.
- 4. The district will respond to the parent or student within ten (10) school days by designating the time and location for the review.
- 5. The district may take necessary action to protect its materials from loss, damage or alteration to ensure the integrity of the files, including the provision of a designated employee to monitor the review of the materials.
- 6. No parent or student shall be permitted to remove the material provided for review or to photocopy the contents of such file. The taking of notes by parents and students is permitted.
- 5. Delegation of Responsibility

PA Code Title 22 Sec. 4.4 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232h

Pol. 102 127 The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify parents and students regarding the contents of this policy and their rights. This notification shall be given at least annually, at the beginning of each school year, and within a reasonable time after any substantive changes regarding the contents of this policy.

References:

State Board of Education Regulations - 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4, 403.1

No Child Left Behind Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232h

Board Policy – 102, 105, 127, 235

NOTE: Although federal law exempts academic assessments from the definition of instructional material, state law gives parents/guardians the right to review a state assessment to determine whether the state assessment conflicts with their religious beliefs. Review of state assessments is addressed in Policy 127.