

**ADMINISTRATIVE
DIRECTIVE**

Administrative Directive Title: Instructional Standards Review	AD Number: 4.101.1	Adopted: November 2024
Policy References: Board Policy 4.101 – Instructional Standards	Revised:	

1 Annually, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction shall be responsible for
 2 reviewing the curriculum selected for the school district to ensure that no subjects or topics
 3 prohibited by state or federal law are being taught. the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and
 4 Instruction shall also be responsible for ensuring only Tennessee state standards are taught within
 5 the school district using approved materials (i.e., no instructional materials, textbooks, or
 6 supplemental materials shall align exclusively with Common Core or be marketed or otherwise
 7 identified as Common Core).

8 **PROHIBITED CONCEPTS**

9 District employees shall not include or promote any of the following concepts when providing
 10 instruction, using instructional or supplemental materials, or when implementing the instructional
 11 program and curriculum:

- 12 1. One (1) race or sex is inherently superior to another race or sex;
- 13 2. An individual, by virtue of the individual's race or sex, is inherently privileged, racist,
 14 sexist, or oppressive, whether consciously or subconsciously;
- 15 3. An individual should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment because of the
 16 individual's race or sex;
- 17 4. An individual's moral character is determined by the individual's race or sex;
- 18 5. An individual, by virtue of the individual's race or sex, bears responsibility for actions
 19 committed in the past by other members of the same race or sex;
- 20 6. An individual should feel discomfort, guilt, anguish, or another form of psychological
 21 distress solely because of the individual's race or sex;
- 22 7. A meritocracy is inherently racist or sexist, or designed by a particular race or sex to
 23 oppress members of another race or sex;
- 24 8. This state or the United States is fundamentally or irredeemably racist or sexist;
- 25 9. Promoting or advocating the violent overthrow of the United States government;
- 26 10. Promoting division between, or resentment of, a race, sex, religion, creed, nonviolent
 27 political affiliation, social class, or class of people;
- 28 11. Ascribing character traits, values, moral or ethical codes, privileges, or beliefs to a race or
 29 sex, or to an individual because of the individual's race or sex;
- 30 12. The rule of law does not exist, but instead, is a series of power relationships and struggles
 31 among racial or other groups;
- 32 13. All Americans are not created equal and are not endowed by their Creator with certain
 33 unalienable rights, including, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; or
- 34 14. Governments should deny to any person within the government's jurisdiction the equal
 35 protection of the law.

- 36 These prohibitions shall not apply to the following instruction:
37 1. The history of an ethnic group, as described in textbooks and instructional materials, taught
38 based on materials adopted in accordance with state law;
39 2. The impartial discussion of controversial aspects of history;
40 3. The impartial instruction on the historical oppression of a particular group of people based
41 on race, ethnicity, class, nationality, religion, or geographic region; or
42 4. Historical documents relevant to these topics, as permitted by state law.

43 *Notification*

44 All teachers within the school district will be given notification as to whom to contact if questions
45 arise during the school year regarding specific topics. If a teacher receives a complaint from a
46 parent/guardian about the instruction being taught in the classroom, the teacher shall direct the
47 parent/guardian to the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.

48 **POSTING INSTRUCTIONAL STANDARDS AND THE CURRICULUM**

49 The Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction shall be responsible for publishing the
50 district's instructional standards and curriculum on the school district's website. At the beginning
51 of each semester, they will ensure that updates are made to the website to reflect any changes.

Legal References
TCA 49-6-2202
TCA 49-6-1304
TCA 49-6-2206
TCA 49-6-1019