

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 (KAMLOOPS/THOMPSON)  
POLICY**

Reference No. 251

Effective Date  
June 25, 2007

**USE OF NOVELS AND PLAYS**

The Board of School Trustees must establish a process for the use of novels and plays used in the School District and establish the criteria used to approve novels and plays.

**REGULATIONS**

1. The Board of Trustees recognizes that learning resources used in British Columbia schools must be Ministry recommended resources or District approved resources.
2. Each school is required to develop a process for the review of novels and plays used in classrooms using the *District Novel Evaluation* form.
3. The Superintendent will appoint a District Novel Use Committee.
4. By March 1<sup>st</sup> of each school year, each school must submit to the District Novel Use Committee a listing of novels and plays reviewed with recommendations.
5. The District Novel Use Committee shall review and compile information from each school and shall approve a complete listing of novels and plays to be used in the classroom by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each school year.
6. The District Novel Use Committee shall base their approval decisions on the criteria outlined in the Ministry document "Evaluating, Selecting and Managing Learning Resources: A Guide".
7. The District Novel Use Committee may consult as it sees fit in making its decisions.
8. Process for Reconsideration and Appeal
  - a) Parents whose children's education program may be affected by resources approved by the Committee may request, in writing, to the District Novel Use Committee that the Committee reconsider its decision with respect to specific resources and that reasons be provided to address the grounds raised by the appellant.
  - b) Parents whose children's education program may be affected and who continue to disagree with the decision of the Committee after reconsideration by the Committee, may appeal directly to the Board of Trustees.