

CRITICAL RACE THEORY

Definitions

For the purpose of this policy:

- *Critical race theory* is as defined in NDCC 15.1-21-05.1 and means the theory that racism is not merely the product of learned individual bias or prejudice, but that racism is systematically embedded in American society and the American legal system to facilitate racial inequality.
- *Curriculum* means the knowledge and skills students are expected to learn and includes the collection of subjects and academic content taught by teachers in the District. District curriculum is adopted by the Board pursuant to policy GAAB.
- *Instructional/resource materials* means all print and non-print materials, including textbooks, as well as supplementary, library and other educational materials, used for the education of students in the teaching-learning process.

Requests to View

The Board shall make available for public viewing district curriculum and instructional/resource materials used in the school system to ensure compliance with the requirements set forth in NDCC 15.1-21-05.1.

Curriculum and instructional/resource materials shall be made available for public viewing upon request. When a request to view is made, the principal shall direct the requester to complete a Request to View Instructional/Resource Material form in which the individual must identify the specific material the individual wishes to view. The completed Request form must be returned to the principal. Once a completed Request form is received, the principal shall inform the requester of a time during which the individual may review the requested material at the district office. The time for review must occur within thirty (30) days of receipt of the completed Request form.

Complaint Procedure

Any complaints that district curriculum or any instructional/resource material does not comply with the requirements of NDCC 15.1-21-05.1 must be submitted and handled in accordance with the process and procedures outlined in GAAC-BR (Procedure for Reviewing Complaints About Instructional/Resource Material).

Professional Development

All district-led or district-sponsored professional development must comply with the requirements of NDCC 15.1-21-05.1.

Complementing NDSBA Templates (may contain items not adopted by the Board)

- GAAB, Curriculum Adoption

- GAAC, Review and Complaints of Instructional and Resource Material
- GAAC-BR, Procedure for Reviewing Complaints about Instructional/Resources

End of Ashley School District #9 Policy GAAE Adopted April 12, 2023: