

Sexually Explicit Content (SEC) Instructional Materials

On August 4, 2022, the Virginia Department of Education published [Model Policies Concerning Instructional Materials with Sexually Explicit Content](#) pursuant to Va. Code [§ 22.1-16.8](#). These model policies include information guidance, procedures, and standards relating to:

1. ensuring parental notification;
2. directly identifying the specific instructional material and sexually explicit subjects; and
3. permitting the parent of any student to review instructional material that includes sexually explicit content and provide, as an alternative, non-explicit instructional material and related academic activities to any students whose parent so requests.

Below is the CCPS list of instructional materials that could be considered sexually explicit:

Subject: English 7

Title of Instructional Material: The Outsiders

Author/Producer: S. E. Hinton - Format: Novel

Contains SEC: This novel contains suggestive language

Title of Instructional Material: Boy in Striped PJs

Author/Producer: John Boyne - Format: Novel

Contains SEC: This novel contains suggestive language

Subject: English 8-12

Title of Instructional Material: Animal Farm (1999)

Author/Producer: John Stephenson (Hallmark) - Format: Video

Contains SEC: Implied suggestive/sexual behavior, nothing depicted

Title of Instructional Material: The Crucible

Author/Producer: Arthur Miller – Format: Video

Contains SEC: Sexual Themes/Salem Witch Trials

Title of Instructional Material: Romeo and Juliet

Author/Producer: John Heminges – Format: Video

Contains SEC: Suggestive puns and innuendos in reference to premarital sex

Subject: USII

Title of Instructional Material: Band of Brothers

Author/Producer: HBO - Format: Video

Contains SEC: Shirtless men being liberated from a concentration camp

Title of Instructional Material: How to Use Your Ration Coupons

Author/Producer: AtomicAgePictures - Format: Video

Contains SEC: Woman in a 1940s bikini sunbathing

Subject: Civics

Title of Instructional Material: Cable-Satellite Public Affairs Network

Author/Producer: C-SPAN - Format: Video

Contains SEC: Congressman periodically discuss issues of sexual orientation & gender