

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

As the governing body of the District, the Board is legally responsible for the selection of instructional materials. Since the Board is a policy making body, it delegates to the administrative and teaching staff of the district authority for the selection of instructional and supplemental materials.

Materials for school classrooms are recommended by the appropriate professional staff in consultation with the Superintendent, and other sources as needed. Final decision on purchase rests with the Superintendent, subject to official adoption by the Board in the case of textbooks.

The board believes that it is the responsibility of the district to provide:

1. materials which enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities, and maturity levels of the students served;
2. materials which stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards;
3. a background of information which enables students to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives;
4. diverse viewpoints so that young citizens may develop, under guidance, the practice of analytical reading and thinking and
5. materials representative of the many religions and ethnic and cultural groups, showing their contributions to our American heritage.

The above principles serve as guides in the selection of all instructional materials including, but not limited to, textbooks, supplementary books, library books, computer software, Internet access sites, filmstrips, films, videotapes, audiotapes and recordings.

In addition, parents have the right to inspect any instructional materials used as part of the educational curriculum for their student. Instructional materials means instructional content, regardless of format, that is provided to the student, including printed or representational materials, audio-visual materials and materials available in electronic or digital formats (such as materials accessible through the Internet). Instructional material does not include academic tests or academic assessments.

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LEGAL REFS.: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; 20 USC Section 1232h  
 ORC 3313.642  
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CROSS REF.: EDE, Computer/Online services (Acceptable Use & Internet Safety)  
 EGAAA, Copyright  
 IIAA, Textbook Selection and Adoption  
 IIAC, Library Materials Selection and Adoption  
 INB, Teaching About Controversial Issues  
 KLB, Public Complaints About the Curriculum or Instructional Materials