

The board has sole discretion to approve instructional materials for the school district. This authority is delegated to licensed employees to determine which instructional materials, other than textbooks, will be utilized by and purchased by the school district. The licensed employees shall work closely together to ensure vertical and horizontal articulation of textbooks and other instructional materials in the education program.

In reviewing current instructional materials for continued use and in selecting additional instructional materials, licensed employees will consider the current and future needs of the school district as well as the changes and the trends in education and society. Additionally, licensed employees are to select instructional materials and textbooks that are free from discrimination, regardless of sex, race and color, national origin, religion and creed, age, marital/parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical attributes, physical or mental ability or disability, ancestry, political party preference, political belief, or socioeconomic status or familial status. It is the responsibility of the superintendent to report to the board the action taken by licensed employees.

In making its recommendations to the superintendent, the licensed employees will select materials which:

- support the educational philosophy of the school district;
- consider the needs, age, interests, and maturity of students;
- are within the school district's budget;
- foster respect and appreciation for cultural diversity and difference of opinion;
- stimulate growth in factual knowledge and literary appreciation;
- encourage students to become decision-makers, to exercise freedom of thought and to make independent judgment through the examination and evaluation of relevant information, evidence and differing viewpoints;
- portray the variety of careers, roles, and lifestyles open to persons of both sexes;
- offer student's opportunities to extend and refine knowledge and use knowledge in meaningful ways.
- increase an awareness of the rights, duties, and responsibilities of each member of a multicultural society.

In the case of textbooks, the board will make the final decision after a recommendation from the superintendent. The criteria stated above for selection of instructional materials will also apply to the selection of textbooks. The superintendent may appoint licensed employees to assist in the selection of textbooks.

Education materials given to the school district must meet the criteria established above. The gift must be received in compliance with board policy.

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