

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS (Textbook Selection and Adoption)

Selection of Textbooks

Basic textbooks should be selected which provide material current in the field. Selection will be made with the cooperation of the faculty and administration, under the direction of the elementary and secondary curriculum directors. Textbooks will be selected in the following manner:

1. A selection committee will be established, composed of the teachers directly involved with and representing all grade levels affected by the selection of the materials, the administration of the school or schools, and the curriculum director. The superintendent or designee shall direct the purchase of the selected textbooks within the limits of the district's adopted budget.
2. Specific needs for a course of study will be established in writing, and the book selected will be the one that best meets the needs in the opinion of the selection committee. During the evaluation of materials, the value and impact of textbooks will be judged as a whole, taking into account the purpose of the material rather than individual and isolated expressions or incidents of the work. Multi-cultural, disability-aware and gender-fair concepts will also be criteria for selection of materials.
3. All companies will be invited to submit examination copies of appropriate materials to the selection committee, but only textbooks filed with the State Board of Education, pursuant to law, will be considered.
4. Sufficient time will be allowed to evaluate thoroughly all materials submitted by the vendors. The district will preferentially procure educational materials from vendors who make the materials available in either Braille format or electronic format which is computer-readable in a form approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, at no greater cost than for regular materials.
5. A written evaluation of the recommended material will be submitted to the superintendent. Following an audit of all claims, the superintendent or designee will submit the recommendations to the Board for formal approval and authorization of payment.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to review policies and/or forms for related information in this administrative area.

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