

**Darien Public Schools  
Darien, Connecticut**

**POLICY**

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**Series 6600  
Instructional Resources**

**Policy 6610**

**Instructional Materials - Selection and Adoption**

It is the policy of the Board of Education to provide educational materials and equipment that support and enrich the curriculum and further the achievement of the district's goals. Insofar as possible, all textbooks should present balanced views concerning the international, national, and local issues and problems of our times.

Materials shall not be excluded solely because of the race, nationality, political, or religious views of the writer or his or her style.

While the Board is legally responsible for all matters relating to the adoption of textbooks and purchase of library and other supplementary materials, the responsibility for reviewing, selecting and approving instructional materials is delegated to the administration and designated curriculum committee.

The needs of the individual school based on the curriculum and the existing collection shall be the first criteria for selection. Materials shall also be considered on the basis of:

- overall purpose;
- timeliness or permanence;
- importance of subject matter;
- quality of writing/production;
- readability and popular appeal;
- authoritativeness;
- reputation of the publisher/producer;
- reputation and significance of the author/artist/composer/producer;
- format and price;
- requests from faculty and students; and
- suitability for age level.

**Cross Reference:**

- JE1, School-Community Relations (Community Instructional Resources)
- JK1, School-Community Relations (Public Complaints)

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes, section 10-18a  
Connecticut General Statutes, section 10-221(a)  
Connecticut General Statutes, section 10-228  
Connecticut General Statutes, section 10-229

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