

Equipment/Books/Material: Provision/Selection

General

The Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education (“the Board”) shall provide educational materials and equipment that support and enrich the curriculum and further the achievement of the school system's instructional goals.

Adoption of new textbooks shall require a two-thirds vote of all the members of the Board, notice of such intended change having been previously given at a meeting at least one week prior to the vote. Textbooks shall be defined as the primary or basic reading for students in a particular subject and student selection in a semester or during the entire school year; supplemental and reference books shall not be considered to be textbooks.

Selection

Basic textbooks will be continuously reviewed to keep up with the expansion of knowledge and rapid changes in the world and to present balanced views on international, national, and local issues and problems of the past, present, and future. Textbooks should further:

1. provide materials to stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation; aesthetic and ethical value;
2. provide materials to help students develop abilities in critical reading and thinking;
3. provide materials to help develop and foster an appreciation of cultural diversity and development in the United States and throughout the world;
4. provide for all students an effective basic education that does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or disabilities;
5. allow sufficient flexibility for meeting the special needs of individual students and groups of students.

The Board shall, in selecting textbooks and other general instructional materials select those which accurately present the achievements and accomplishments and be inclusive of individuals and groups from all ethnic and racial backgrounds and of both sexes.

The Board will make final textbook selections.

Legal References:	Connecticut General Statutes 10-18a Contents of textbooks and other general instructional materials 10-229 Change of textbooks
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