

INSTRUCTION

Selection and Adoption of Instructional Materials

The Board of Directors is legally responsible for the selection of all instructional materials used in the district. Basic instructional materials shall be adopted by the Board prior to their use in schools except for trial-use texts of a pilot nature. The responsibility for preparing all student reading lists and for examining, evaluating, and selecting all supplementary materials is delegated to the professional staff of the district. All instructional materials shall be selected in conformance with:

- A. Applicable state and federal laws;
- B. The stated goals and objectives of the school district and the particular course;
- C. Procedures in accordance with the policies established by the Board

Selection Process

The superintendent shall develop procedures for the evaluation of instructional materials and their recommendation to the Board for adoption. Instructional materials, such as textbooks, should support but not prescribe the school curriculum. It is expected that each teacher, team, or department, as appropriate, will first carefully design courses to align with district, state, and/or industry standards, as appropriate. These course standards will then be utilized in the selection of instructional materials. The overall process shall include:

- A. Review at the building level by appropriate teaching staff, parents, and building administration.
- B. Review by the district Instructional Materials Committee (IMC). The IMC will conduct the final review of instructional materials and recommend materials for approval to the Board. The IMC shall consist of representatives of district educational staff, parents, students and community members, providing diverse community representation.
- C. Approval/adoption by the Board.

Criteria for the Selection of Instructional Materials

The primary objective in selecting instructional materials is to implement, enrich, and support the educational program of the schools. To the greatest extent possible, instructional materials selected shall include, but are not limited to, those which:

- A. Enrich and support the curriculum, in consideration of the varied instructional needs, abilities, interests and maturity levels of the students served;

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- B. Stimulate student growth in conceptual thinking, factual knowledge, physical fitness, and literary standards;
- C. Provide sufficient variety and present opposing views of controversial issues in order that students may develop the skills of critical analysis and informed decision making;
- D. Eliminate in all textbooks and instructional materials, including reference materials and audio-visual materials, bias pertaining to sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or the use of a trained guide dog or service animal.

Materials shall be selected in accordance with procedures. Citizens who wish to express a concern about specific materials may do so in accordance with the district procedures. Initial efforts to resolve concerns regarding instructional and other learning resource materials will be handled at the building level. Should a citizen wish to make a formal protest regarding specific material used in the school system, the citizen must make the complaint in accordance with Board Policy 2310 and related procedures.

Conditions for Loan and Sale of Instructional Materials

Free textbooks and other instructional materials may be made available for loan to students when, in the judgment of the members of the Board, the best interests of the school district will be served by such a decision. Each building administrator will maintain records necessary for the proper accounting of all instructional materials and will set forth conditions for student replacement of lost or badly damaged materials.

District instructional materials, which students are not required to own, may be made available to students who wish to purchase them. New and used materials currently utilized in the instructional program will be sold at the replacement cost of each item. Used materials no longer in basic or supplementary use will be sold at a price reflecting the depreciated value of the materials. Instructional materials that do not meet current district standards for subject content, gender balance, ethnic content or are irreparable may be declared obsolete by the superintendent or designee. Disposal of materials will occur in a manner prescribed by law.

Legal Reference:	RCW 28A.320.230	Instructional materials-
	RCW 28A.150.230	Instructional materials committee.
	RCW 28A.640	District school directors’
	RCW 28A.642	responsibilities.
		Sexual Equality
		Discrimination Prohibition

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