

**INSTRUCTION**

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Curricular Materials

The term “curricular materials” is defined as “textbook, instructional media, including software, audio/visual media and internet resources.”

The Board is legally responsible to approve and to provide the necessary curricular materials used in the District. Textbooks and instructional materials should provide quality learning experiences for students and:

- Enrich and support the curriculum;
- Stimulate growth in knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic value, and ethical standards;
- Provide background information to enable students to make intelligent judgments;
- Present opposing sides of controversial issues;
- Be representative of the many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritage;
- Depict in an accurate and unbiased way the cultural diversity and pluralistic nature of American society.

The Board may adopt a curricular materials adoption committee for the purpose of advising the Board on selection of curricular materials for use within the District that are not covered by the state curriculum materials committee. At least one-fourth (1/4) of this committee must be comprised of persons other than public educators and trustees. All meetings of the committee shall be held in open session and be duly noticed.

Curricular materials may be made available for loan to students when the best interest of the District and student will be served by such a decision. Students will not be charged for normal wear. They will be charged replacement cost, however, as well as for excessive wear, unreasonable damage or lost materials. The professional staff will maintain records necessary for the proper accounting of all curricular materials.

Patrons objecting to specific materials used or under consideration in the District are encouraged to submit a complaint in writing and discuss the complaint with the building principal prior to pursuing a formal complaint pursuant to the Uniform Grievance Procedure.

Learning Materials, for the purpose of this policy, shall be considered to be any material used in classroom instruction, library materials, or any materials to which a teacher might refer a student as part of the course of instruction.

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-118A	Curricular materials – Adoption procedures
I.C. § 33-512A	District curricular materials adoption committees
IDAPA 08.02.03.112	Curricular Materials Selection

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