

GBFDA: Special Interest Instructional Materials

Organizations, institutions, and individuals at times develop materials that are offered to school free or inexpensively. As a general rule, sponsored materials present a particular point of view, and extreme care must be exercised rests with the certificated staff member who recommends its use. In any use is in the best interests of the students.

Sponsored material must meet the same basic selection criteria as any other learning material, as well as the following special criteria:

1. Materials should be of such content and quality that they help the teacher do a better job.
2. Any expression of a point of view should be clearly identified.
3. Any advertising that appears on or with any material should be in good taste and unobtrusive.
4. The source of all material should be clearly identifiable.

Teachers and principals must be aware of their responsibility for preventing any outside agency fro using the public schools for purposes that are opposed to our form of government or to our democratic way of life. This responsibility includes, however, helping youth learn how to deal with hostile propaganda. For that reason, some materials that are clearly in the nature of propaganda may be used to teach about propaganda at the discretion of the principal and under careful teacher supervision.

Cross Ref: POLICY KAIC Distribution of Free Educational Materials

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