

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

As the governing body of the school district, the Board is legally responsible for the selection of instructional materials. Since the Board is a policy-making body, it delegates to professional personnel of the district the authority for the selection of instructional materials in accordance with Board policies and regulations. Every effort will be made to ensure that instructional materials are distributed equitably among the district's schools so that a balanced distribution of instructional materials will occur. Free textbooks are provided in grades K-12.

Materials for the school classrooms and school libraries will be selected by the appropriate professional personnel, in consultation with the administration. When the budget for the year is approved in final form by the Board, the superintendent or designee shall direct the purchase of books, supplies, equipment and other instructional materials required, within the limits of the adopted budget. The superintendent or designee shall audit all claims and submit to the Board for approval and authorization for payment.

It is the responsibility of the professional staff to select instructional materials of the highest quality with consideration of evidence-based research when available. The materials will support the educational curriculum and goals of the district. Consideration should be given to all available textbooks in the content area to provide opportunities for each child to realize his or her greatest potential through education.

The value and impact of any textbook, library or other instructional material will be judged as a whole, taking into account the purpose of the material rather than individual and isolated expressions or incidents of the work. Accuracy, clarity, level of academic challenge, multi-cultural content and gender-fair presentation will be among the criteria for selection of materials.

The district shall preferentially procure educational materials, including textbooks and collected materials, from vendors who make the materials available in either Braille format or electronic format which is computer-readable in a form approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, at no greater cost than for regular materials.

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***Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.***

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Cross Refs: DK, Payment Procedures  
DN, Surplus School Property  
KL, Resolution of Patron Concerns

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