

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.

Basic textbooks used in the classrooms of the district schools are to be selected from the lists of textbooks approved by the State Board of Education.

Textbooks to be used must have the approval of the school principal and the superintendent.

Textbooks should be re-evaluated every six years as new adoptions are made by the State Board of Education.

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.

Citizens 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 purposes of this policy, shall be considered to be any materials used in classroom instruction, library materials, or any materials to which a teacher might refer a student to as part of the course of instruction.

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.

Cross Reference: 2530

Learning Materials Review

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-118A

Curricular Materials – Adoption Procedures

I.C. § 33-512A

District Curricular Materials Adoption Committees

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Curricular Materials Selection

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