

Descriptor Term:
INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

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3.6110

Legal References:

Cross References:

As the governing body of the system, the board is legally responsible for the selection of instructional materials. Since the board is a policy making body, it delegates this responsibility to the system's professional personnel, granting them any authority for the selection of instructional and media materials in accordance with this policy.

All instructional materials including supplemental textbooks, library books, periodicals and technological resources shall be selected upon the recommendation of the local school professional staff committee and approved by the superintendent or his/her designee. In determining selections, the opinions of parents and other members of the community shall be taken into account.

The board believes that it is the responsibility of the system:

1. To provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities, and maturity levels of the students served;
2. To provide materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards;
3. To provide a background which will enable students to make informed decisions in their daily lives;
4. To provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that young citizens may develop, under guidance, the practice of analytical reading and thinking; and
5. To provide materials representative of the many religions and ethnic and cultural groups.