

**SELECTION OF TEXTBOOKS, ELECTRONIC TEXTBOOKS,
AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS**

Instructional materials, including media materials, technology, and other student support services shall be selected for the School District in accordance with the following principles:

- A. Such instructional materials (print and nonprint) shall be chosen for values of interest and enlightenment of all students in the community. Instructional materials shall not be excluded because of the race, nationality, or the political or religious views of the writer.
- B. Efforts will be made to provide material that presents all points of view concerning the problems and issues of our times, international, national, and local. Books or other reading matter of sound factual authority shall not be prescribed or removed from library shelves or classrooms because of partisan doctrinal approval or disapproval.
- C. Censorship of instructional materials shall be challenged in order to maintain the school's responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.
- D. The District's mission, educational goals, and strategic plan shall be supported;
- E. The objectives specified in the course of study and the learning needs of students shall be supported.
- F. The credentialed staff shall be included in the selection.

Textbook and Electronic Textbook Adoption Procedures

The Board shall be the sole authority in determining and selecting all of the following to be used in the schools under its control:

- 1. Textbooks, pursuant to O.R.C. §3329.08, and reading lists;
- 2. Instructional materials;
- 3. Academic curriculum.

The Board may permit educators to create instructional materials, including textbooks, which are consistent with the curriculum adopted by the Board for use in the educators' classrooms.

The Board shall provide an opportunity for parents to review the selection of textbooks and reading lists, instructional materials, and the academic curriculum used by schools in the District.

The Board shall establish textbook and/or curriculum committees, which may include representation of teachers who use the texts, administrators, and other staff members. Students and parents may also be asked to serve on these committees.

A student or his/her parent(s) may purchase a copy of the duly-adopted textbook, regardless of format, for the District's purchase price, including shipping and handling plus ten percent (10%).

The final decision on the recommendation of textbooks rests with the Superintendent, subject to official adoption by the Board of Education.

Necessary textbooks shall be furnished free of charge to the students. Further, all such textbooks shall be the property of the District.

A list of all approved textbooks shall be maintained in the Office of the Superintendent.

LEGAL REFS.: O.R.C. §§3329.05; 3329.06; 3329.08; 3313.21; 3313.212
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