

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SELECTION

The board has sole discretion to approve instructional materials for the school district. This authority is delegated to the Director of Curriculum and licensed employees to determine which instructional materials, including textbooks, will be utilized by and purchased by the school district.

In reviewing current instructional materials for continued use and in selecting additional instructional materials, licensed employees will consider the current and future needs of the district's students as well as the changes and the trends in education and society. It is the responsibility of the curriculum director to report recommendations to the board.

In the case of textbooks, the board will make the final decision after receiving a recommendation from the Curriculum director. The criteria stated above for selection of other instructional materials will apply to the selection of textbooks. The Curriculum director may develop another means for the selection of textbooks. Textbooks are reviewed as needed and at least every 5-7 years.

The district will select materials which:

- support the educational philosophy, goals and objectives of the school district;
- consider the needs, age, and maturity of students;
- are within the school district's budget;
- foster respect and appreciation for cultural diversity and difference of opinion;
- stimulate growth in factual knowledge, process skills, and literary appreciation;
- encourage students to become decision-makers, to exercise freedom of thought and to make independent judgment through the examination and evaluation of relevant information, evidence and differing viewpoints;
- portray the variety of careers and roles open to persons of both sexes; and,
- increase an awareness of the rights, duties, and responsibilities of each member of a multicultural society.

Education materials given to the school district must meet the criteria established above. The gift must be received in compliance with board policy.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 280.14; 301 (2013).
281 I.A.C. 12.3(12).

Cross Reference:	208	Ad Hoc Committees
	505	Student Scholastic Achievement
	602	Curriculum Development
	605	Instructional Materials

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