

Ashland School District 5

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Instructional Resources/Instructional Materials

The Board believes that proper care and judgment should be exercised in selecting basic instructional materials. While the Board retains the authority to approve district instructional materials adoptions, it authorizes the superintendent to develop and implement administrative procedures governing how selections are determined. Such procedures will provide for administrator, staff, parent, student and community involvement and employ suitable selection criteria to ensure that the recommended instructional materials will meet the needs of the program, students, teachers and community.

The district will review instructional materials in accordance with the State Board of Education adoption cycle. Each instructional program and basic instructional materials will be reviewed on a five- to seven-year cycle and recommendations for appropriate instructional materials will be made.

Recommended instructional materials will be free of racial, national origin, religious, disability, age, marital status, sexual orientation or sexual bias; contain appropriate readability levels; support the district's adopted curriculum content; provide ease of teacher use; be attractive and durable and be purchased at a reasonable cost.

The district will establish a process and timeline for regularly determining and considering whether the textbooks and other instructional materials are available through online resources that enable students with print disabilities to receive textbooks and instructional materials free of charge.

All basic instructional materials recommended for adoption need to be approved for use by the Board. Prior to Board approval, parents, students and interested district patrons will have the opportunity to review the recommended instructional materials and be encouraged to provide opinions about them and their use in the classrooms.

All supplementary materials and library/media resources will be selected cooperatively by teachers, principals, librarians and sometimes with the assistance of students and parents. Recommended supplementary materials and library media resources will also be free of racial, national origin, religious, disability, age, marital status, sexual orientation or sexual bias; contain appropriate readability levels; support the district's adopted curriculum content; provide for ease of teacher use; be attractive and durable and be purchased at a reasonable cost.

An orderly process shall be established to assure a fair hearing to those who have objections about district instructional materials and to protect the district and its employees from unreasonable demands which may restrict academic freedom and individual rights. This review process shall be included in the district's instructional media selection procedures.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 336.035](#)

[ORS 336.840](#)

[ORS 337.120](#)

[ORS 337.141](#)

[ORS 337.150](#)

[ORS 337.260](#)

[ORS 337.511](#)

[ORS 339.155](#)

[OAR 581-011-0050 to -0117](#)

[OAR 581-021-0045](#)

[OAR 581-021-0046](#)

[OAR 581-022-1140](#)

[OAR 581-022-1520](#)

[OAR 581-022-1640](#)

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6311-6322 (2006).

Cross Reference(s):

INB - Studying Controversial Issues

KH - Major Gifts and Donations

KL - Public Complaints