

Instructional Resources/Instructional Materials

It is the policy of the Board to provide and maintain instructional materials which:

1. May contribute to the instructional programs of the ESD and its component school districts;
2. Are appropriate to the learning levels of users;
3. Are relevant to the diverse problems, aspirations, attitudes and ideas of the world;
4. Provide stimulus to creative thinking; and
5. Are of acceptable technical quality.

The superintendent shall develop administrative procedures to assure that materials selected for and maintained by the DESD meet these criteria.

The Board recognizes that in encouraging the selection of materials that contribute to the understanding of the diverse attitudes and values of this society and which meet the varying curriculum needs and values of the several communities, honest differences of opinion may occur about the appropriateness of those materials.

The superintendent shall develop administrative regulations to assure that challenges are handled in the best interests of the students, teachers and citizens of the district. Such procedures shall contain provisions for handling concerns about materials used in ESD classrooms.

Accessible Instructional Materials

The ESD shall select and provide students receiving ESD services with free and appropriate instructional and resource materials produced in accordance with the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard (NIMAS). These materials shall contribute to the attainment of each student's educational goals and reflect recent knowledge, trends and technology in the field.

The ESD materials selection process shall identify whether ESD coordinates with the National Instructional Materials Access Center (NIMAC) when purchasing print materials. If ESD is unable to coordinate with NIMAC, it shall provide instructional materials to blind persons and persons with print disabilities in accessible formats as prescribed by state law or regulation.

Sufficient quantities of accessible instructional materials, including those produced in alternate formats and those that cannot be produced from NIMAS files, shall be made available in a timely manner to accommodate the number of ESD students who will be using them at any one time. "A timely manner" means the materials are available at the same time materials are available for students who do not need materials in alternate formats.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 334.125](#)

[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 -0119](#)

[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):

KH - Public Gifts to the ESD

KL - Public Complaints