

Instructional Resources/Instructional Materials

The Board is responsible for the selection of instructional materials. The Board delegates to district professional personnel the authority for the selection of instructional and library/media materials in accordance with the policy below.

Selection Objectives

When reviewing and selecting instructional materials, the objectives will be:

1. To select materials that will provide improvements in content, organization and teaching methods;
2. To ensure accurate and up-to-date content that includes new concepts, insights and facts;
3. To provide for sequential growth from level to level;
4. To provide a fair representation of the many religious, ethnic and cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritage;
5. To provide recognition of minority groups and women by placing them frequently in positions of leadership and example. There will be no discrimination or bias or prejudice toward sex, sexual orientation, race, religion, national origin, marital status, disability or age.

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.

Materials for school classrooms and school libraries will be selected by the appropriate professional personnel in consultation with the administration and staff. Final decisions on purchase will rest with the superintendent or designee, subject to official adoption by the Board in the case of basic textbooks.

Selection Criteria

The Board believes it is the district's responsibility to provide:

1. Materials that enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities and maturity levels of the students served;
2. Materials that stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values and ethical standards;

3. A background of information which will enable students to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives;
4. Materials on opposing sides of controversial issues, so that young citizens may develop, under guidance, the practice of analytical reading and thinking;
5. Materials representative of the many religions and ethnic and cultural groups, showing their contributions to our heritage.

The above principles will serve as a guide in the selection of all instructional and library materials.

To be in compliance with the requirements of federal law, the Board directs the superintendent to distribute curriculum materials and instructional supplies to district schools in such a manner that ensures all schools receive equivalent materials.

Any resident or employee may challenge the appropriateness of the district’s instructional materials. The district will provide a procedure to process such challenges.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 336.035	ORS 337.260	OAR 581-021-0045
ORS 336.840	ORS 337.511	OAR 581-021-0046
ORS 337.120	ORS 339.155	OAR 581-022-1140
ORS 337.141		OAR 581-022-1520
ORS 337.150	OAR 581-011-0050 to -0117	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
 KL - Public Complaints