

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.

Textbooks and other instructional materials adopted by the Board shall be selected by the appropriate professional personnel in consultation with parents and citizens. The input of staff and students will be encouraged. Final decisions on purchase will rest with the superintendent or designee, subject to official adoption by the Board in the case of textbooks and other instructional materials.

Selection Criteria

Materials selected will be carefully evaluated based on the following selection standards and guidelines. In most instances, the selected materials should meet a significant number of the criteria listed below, although a single resource need not meet all the criteria in order to be selected. Materials will be selected for their strengths rather than rejected for their weaknesses. These criteria apply to the selection of new materials for multiple school use, single school use and individual classroom and library use as well as materials donated to the district.

Standard 1: Materials shall be consistent with and provide both support and enrichment for the district's general educational goals, its selected program goals and the objectives of specific courses.

Standard 2: Materials shall meet high standards of quality in: factual content, educational significance, readability, artistic quality and/or literary style presentation, physical format and technical quality.

Standard 3: Materials shall be appropriate for the ability level, learning style, emotional and social development of the students for whom the materials are selected.

Standard 4: Materials shall promote growth in factual knowledge and critical thinking.

Standard 5: Materials shall stimulate growth in the areas of literary appreciation, social and aesthetic values and ethical standards.

Standard 6: Selected materials shall support a balance approach to controversial issues that will include representation of various points of view even when those opinions represented are controversial. The inclusion of controversial materials does not imply endorsement of the ideas by district personnel.

Standard 7: Materials shall represent the contribution of all people regardless of age; gender; belief system (e.g., religious, spiritual, political, social); racial, ethnic and cultural origin; socio-economic background, diverse ability or disability.

Standard 8: Materials selected will be in compliance with all criteria and procedures as outline on OAR 581-011-0050 to -0119 and ORS Chapter 337.

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