

## **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 material, 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 contribution 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, race, religion, disability or age.

Textbooks and other instructional materials adopted by the Board shall be selected by the appropriate professional personnel in consultation with parents and citizens. 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**

All materials selected will be consistent with the following principles:

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 religious, 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/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

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Legal Reference(s):

ORS 336.035  
ORS 337.120  
ORS 337.141  
ORS 337.150  
ORS 337.260  
ORS 339.155

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OAR 581-022-1640

“Improving America’s Schools Act of 1994 (IASA),” [P.L. 103-382], Title I, Sections 1001-1604.

Cross Reference(s):

INB - Controversial Issues  
KL - Public Appeals or Complaints