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The Board of Education believes that instructional materials should support and enrich the curriculum and make possible the achievement of the district's educational goals. The Chief School Administrator will develop procedures for continual review of new materials being offered and evaluation of those already in use to ensure that the textbooks used in this district are up to date in the factual matter they present and further the district's instructional goals. Textbooks and instructional materials should be judged by additional standards which will include, but not be limited to the following:

1. Does the material reflect the district's equal opportunity/ non-discrimination policies, which prohibits the teaching or encouraging of bias based on race, color, creed, religion, gender, ancestry, national origin, marital or socioeconomic status, affectional or sexual orientation, age, English proficiency or disability?
2. Does it help pupils develop their abilities to think critically?
3. Is it aligned to state standards and curriculum objectives?

The review process will be conducted by teaching staff members, particularly those teachers who will be using the materials as an integral part of the instructional program.

The Superintendent will develop administrative rules outlining a procedure for the selection of instructional materials which meets the above criteria. Instructional materials used within the district should be sufficient in quantity and scope to meet the needs of every pupil in the district.

The Board, by law, makes the final textbook selection decision. However, prior to final adoption, the recommendations resulting from each review will be given thorough consideration. Textbooks will be approved by the recorded roll call majority vote of the full membership of the Board of Education.

Any citizen who objects to the final selections made by the Board should follow the procedures outlined in Policy 9130 - Complaints Regarding Instructional Materials.



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