

SELECTION OF TEXTBOOKS OR EQUIVALENT ELECTRONIC MEDIA

General Criteria for Selection:

Recommendations for the adoption and/or withdrawal of instructional materials shall be presented to the Board by the Superintendent or designee and shall include documentation supporting the recommendation. All recommended materials should be displayed and/or available for public inspection.

The district shall assess the educational suitability of instructional materials according to the following criteria:

- Addresses the state and district curriculum standards
- Contributes to the comprehensive, balanced curriculum
- Fair and balanced portrayal of people with regard to race, creed, color, national origin, sex, and handicap
- Provides a wide range of materials with varied levels of difficulty, with appeal to students of varied interests, abilities and maturity levels
- Includes materials which stimulate discussion of contemporary issues and improves students thinking and decision-making skills
- Availability and quality of corresponding teachers guides and resources

The district is responsible for ensuring that each child who requires instructional materials in an alternate format will receive it in a timely manner.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish instructional material evaluation committees. These committees should include teachers and other staff who have subject-matter expertise in addition to at least one parent/community member. Staff members who participate in selecting and/or evaluating instructional materials shall be those most competent for the task because of their professional training, experience and assignments. The majority of each evaluation committee membership should be teachers. Whenever possible, the district shall consider at least three different textbooks or equivalent electronic media before recommending one for adoption. (Individuals who participate in selecting and evaluating instructional materials shall have no financial interest in the materials being reviewed, recommend, or approved.)

Library books and reference materials do not require committee recommendation or Board approval. The librarian shall select these materials in consultation with the principal and teachers.

ALASKA STATUTES: 14.07.050 Selection of textbooks
 14.07.057 Transmittal of textbook selections
 14.18.060 Discrimination in textbooks and instructional materials prohibited

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE: 4 AAC 06.550 Review of instructional materials
 4 AAC 06..600 Definitions

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