

## **RESOURCE MATERIALS**

The Board of Education shall provide resource materials to implement district and school educational goals and objectives, as student needs dictate and district resources permit.

"Resource materials" means reference books, other supplementary titles, maps, library print and non-print materials, and other sources of information for use by students that are not designated as textbooks.

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for the selection and maintenance of all resource materials. The Superintendent or designee shall apply the following standards to their selection.

1. Material shall be suited to the varied interests, abilities, reading levels and maturation levels of the students to be served.
2. Wherever possible, materials shall provide major opposing views on controversial issues so that students may develop under guidance the practice of critical reading and thinking.
3. Wherever possible, materials shall represent the many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups and their contribution to American heritage.
4. Materials shall be factually accurate and of genuine literary or artistic value.
5. Materials shall be of a quality and durability appropriate to their intended uses and longevity.
6. Materials shall relate to, support, and enrich the courses of study adopted by the Board.
7. Materials shall be free from bias and gender discrimination.

The Superintendent directs principals to provide for the effective consultation of professional staff members at all appropriate levels, evaluate the effectiveness and utility of materials currently in use, ensure that the Board's budgetary allotment for resource materials is efficiently spent and wisely distributed throughout the instructional program, and ensure an inventory of resource materials that is well balanced and well rounded in coverage of subject, types of materials, and variety of content. In the selection of library materials, professional staff members shall place principle above personal opinion and reason above prejudice in order to ensure a comprehensive collection appropriate to the needs of students.

*Legal References:*

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