

Instruction

Instructional Materials

All District classrooms and learning centers are equipped with a wide assortment of instructional materials, including textbooks, workbooks, audio-visual materials, and these materials should provide quality learning experiences for students and:

1. Enrich and support the curriculum;
2. Stimulate growth in knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards;
3. Provide background information to enable students to make informed judgments;
4. Promote critical reading and thinking;
5. Depict in an accurate and unbiased way the cultural diversity and pluralistic nature of American society; and
6. Contribute to a sense of the worth of all people regardless of sex, race, religion, nationality, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, disability, or any other differences that may exist.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually provide a list of textbooks and instructional materials used in the District to the School Board. Anyone may inspect any textbook or instructional material.

Teachers are encouraged to use supplemental material only when it will enhance, or otherwise illustrate, the subjects being taught and to ensure it is age-appropriate. No R-rated movie shall be shown to students unless prior approval is received from the Superintendent or designee, and no movie rated NC-17 (no one 17 and under admitted) shall be shown under any circumstances. These restrictions apply to television programs and other media with equivalent ratings.

Instructional Materials Selection and Adoption

The Superintendent shall recommend to the Board for consideration and adoption all textbooks and instructional materials and shall include the following information: (1) title, publisher, copyright dates, number of copies desired, and cost; (2) any texts being replaced; and (3) rationale for recommendation.

Textbooks recommended for adoption will be presented to the Board of Education at a Board meeting. The textbooks will be placed on public display until the following Board meeting.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.8, 5/10-20.9, and 5/28-19.1.

CROSS REF.: 6.30, 6.40, 6.80, 6.170, 6.260, 7.10, 7.15, 8.110

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