

Policy 2315

Instruction

Curricular Materials

The term “curricular materials” is defined as “textbook, instructional media, including software, audio/visual media and internet resources.”

The Board is legally responsible to approve and to provide the necessary curricular materials used in the District. Textbooks and instructional materials should provide quality learning experiences for students and:

- Enrich and support the curriculum;
- Stimulate growth in knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic value, and ethical standards;
- Provide background information to enable students to make intelligent judgments;
- Present opposing sides of controversial issues;
- Be representative of the many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritage;
- Depict in an accurate and unbiased way the cultural diversity and pluralistic nature of American society.

The Superintendent or designee may appoint a committee for the purpose of advising the Board on selection of curricular materials for use within the schools of the district. The committee shall consist of representatives from each school staff and members of which at least one-fourth (1/4) is persons who are not public educators or school trustees.

Curricular materials may be made available for loan to students when the best interest of the District and student will be served by such a decision. Students will not be charged for normal wear. They will be charged replacement cost, however, as well as for excessive wear, unreasonable damage or lost materials. The professional staff will maintain records necessary for the proper accounting of all curricular materials.

Should any person wish to make a formal objection regarding specific material used in the school system, he/she may submit oral or written objections to the Superintendent. A committee will be convened to consider the objection, and a written decision will be delivered to the complainant within 60 calendar days. Any appeal of this decision must be delivered in writing to the Superintendent within 14 calendar days. The Board will make final decisions on appeals. Any person may submit written objections to any curricular materials under consideration.

Each school district shall have on hand and available to the public the titles, authors and publishers of all curricular materials being used in the district. The public has the right to inspect the instructional materials, except students' tests, used in the district's schools.

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-118 (Curricular materials – Adoption procedures)
I.C. § 33-512A (District curricular materials adoption committees)
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Policy History

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