

Equipment, Books, and Materials: Provision/Selection

The Board of Education shall provide educational materials and equipment that support and enrich the curriculum and further the achievement of the District's instructional goals.

As required by state law, adoption of new textbooks shall require a two-thirds vote of all the members of the Board, notice of such intended change having been previously given at a meeting at least one (1) week prior to the vote.

Selection

The selection of instructional material will be continuously reviewed to keep up with the expansion of knowledge and the rapid changes going on in the world, and to present balanced views on international, national, and local issues and problems of the past, present, and future.

Instructional Materials

Instructional materials shall:

1. stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic, and ethical values;
2. help students develop abilities in critical reading and thinking;
3. develop and foster an appreciation of cultural diversity and development in the United States and throughout the world;
4. provide for all students an effective basic education that does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, ancestry, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, disability, or veteran status;
5. allow sufficient flexibility for meeting the special needs of individual students and groups of students.

Basic textbooks, instructional materials, and equipment shall be furnished by the Board of Education for all students with the following exceptions:

1. Materials to be used for special projects not required for credit in a course.
2. Personal clothing items worn for physical education and other in-school athletic activities.

The administration will develop and maintain a procedure for selecting instructional materials which meets the above criteria. This process shall include the opportunity for professional staff to analyze, evaluate, and recommend primary learning materials for adoption

The Board of Education, Superintendent and School Administration, by statute will make the final selection decision relevant to instructional equipment, textbooks, and instructional materials.

INSTRUCTION

6161(b)

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes § 10-221
Connecticut General Statutes § 10-222a
Connecticut General Statutes § 10-228
Connecticut General Statutes § 10-229
President's Council, District 25 v. Community School Board No. 25, 457 F.2d 289 (1972), Cert. Denied 409 U.S.C. 998 (Nov. 1972)
Minarcini v. Strongsville City School District, 541 F.2d 577 (6th Cir. 1976)
Island Trees Union Free School District Board of Education v. Pico, 457 US 853 (1982)
Academic Freedom Policy (adopted by Connecticut State Board of Education, 09/09/1981)

Policy adopted: September 9, 1991
Policy revised: June 10, 2015
Policy revised: May 10, 2017