

SELECTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

- I. As the governing body of the district, the board of education is legally responsible for the selection of instructional materials. Since the board of education is a policy-making body, it delegates to professional personnel of the district, authority for the selection of instructional materials in accordance with this policy.
- II. Materials for the school classrooms and school libraries will be selected by appropriate professional personnel in consultation with administration and faculty. In the case of print and online curriculum purchases the recommendation for adoption will rest with the superintendent, subject to official adoption by the board of education.
- III. It is the responsibility of the professional staff to select instructional materials of the highest quality that will support the educational curriculum of the district.
- IV. In accordance with this, instructional materials shall be selected to do the following:
 - A. Enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the diversified interests, abilities and maturity levels of the students, and provide continuity to the curriculum.
 - B. Support a balanced literacy and inquiry mathematical approach of instructional delivery.
 - C. Stimulate growth in factual knowledge and provide background knowledge that will enable students to make intelligent judgments.
 - D. Enhance literary appreciation and foster aesthetic values.
 - E. Foster ethical standards.
 - F. Support and extend understanding of our complex and diverse society.
 - G. Present various viewpoints on many subjects that will assist in the development of critical judgment and perceptions.
- V. The value and impact of any materials used for the delivery of curriculum or library resources will be judged as a whole, taking into account the purpose of the material rather than individual, isolated expressions or incidents of the work.

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SDCL 13-8-1 (School board defined.)
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