

## TEXTBOOK SELECTION AND ADOPTION

- I. In adopting print or online curriculum programs for use in the school system, the board of education will carefully consider the rights, freedoms and responsibilities of all students, parents and teachers.
- II. The board of education's first commitment in selecting and adopting print or online curriculum programs will be the preservation of the students' right to learn in an atmosphere of academic freedom.
- III. The board of education will support the teachers' right to exercise professional judgment in their work, but, at the same time, the board of education will require teachers to balance this right with an awareness of their responsibility to meet the educational goals and objectives of the school system.
- IV. The board of education recognizes the rights of parents to influence the education of their children. The board of education will not, however, allow the wishes of an individual parent to infringe upon the rights of the majority of the students in any class.
- V. In order to maintain this balance of rights, responsibilities and freedoms, it will be the policy of the board of education to make the print or online curriculum programs available for review by parents, students and interested citizens of the community.

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SDCL 13-8-1 (School board defined.)  
SDCL 13-8-39 (Management of schools by board—general powers.)