POLICY

2510 ADOPTION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

The Board of Education shall approve all textbooks used in the educational program of this district. "Textbook" means the principal source of instructional material for any given course of study, in whatever form the material may be presented, which are available or distributed to every pupil enrolled in the course of study.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for the selection and recommendation of textbooks for Board consideration, but the Board may approve textbooks not recommended by the Superintendent.

In considering the approval of any proposed textbooks, the Board will weigh its value as a learning tool; its suitability for the maturity level and educational accomplishment of the pupils who will be using the book; its freedom from bias; its relationship to a course of study adopted by the Board; its relationship to a continuous multigrade program; its impact on community standards of taste; the manner by which it was selected; and its cost, appearance, and durability.

The Superintendent shall develop regulations for the selection of textbooks that include effective consultation with professional staff members at all appropriate levels.

The staff shall continually research new sources of textbooks and explore the innovative use of all possible books.

Textbooks currently in use shall be periodically evaluated for their continuing usefulness and relevance and shall be replaced or updated with new editions as often as necessary to meet the needs of pupils and the curriculum.

Textbooks with copyright dates more than ten years old shall be reviewed annually for their continuing suitability.

A list of all approved textbooks shall be maintained and revised annually by the Superintendent and made available for the use of the professional staff and for the information of members of the Board and the public.

N.J.S.A.   18A:34-1; 18A:34-2

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