

SAYDEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SELECTION

The Board recognizes that the selection of instructional materials is a vital component of the school district's curriculum.

The Board has sole discretion to approve instructional materials for the school district. The Board delegates its authority to determine which instructional materials will be utilized and purchased by the school district to licensed employees. The licensed employees will work closely together to ensure vertical and horizontal articulation of resources in the education program.

In reviewing current instructional materials for continued use and in selecting additional instructional materials, the licensed employees will consider the current and future needs of the school district as well as the changes and the trends in education and society, and technology.

Criteria for selecting materials, resources and/or textbooks will:

- support the educational philosophy, goals and objectives of the school district
- consider the needs, age and maturity of students
- be within the school district's budget
- foster respect and appreciation for diversity and difference of opinion
- stimulate growth in factual knowledge and literary appreciation
- encourage students to become decision-makers, to exercise freedom of thought and to make independent judgment through the examination and evaluation of relevant information, evidence and differing viewpoints
- portray the variety of careers, roles and lifestyles open to persons of both sexes
- increase an awareness of the rights, duties, and responsibilities of each member of multicultural society.

In the case of primary instructional materials (textbooks, curricular series, etc.) the Board will make the final decision after a recommendation from the Superintendent. The criteria stated above for selection of instructional materials will also apply to the selection of textbooks. The Superintendent may appoint licensed employees and others (i.e: parents, community members) to assist in the selection of primary instructional materials (textbooks, curricular series, etc.).

Gifts of instructional materials must meet the criteria stated above for the selection of instructional materials.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 280.3, .14; 301 (2013).
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