

SELECTION AND APPROVAL OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The district, within budgetary constraints, shall provide students and staff with a wide range of current instructional materials on all levels of difficulty, diversity of appeal and presentation of different points of view. The district shall also allow for the review of allegedly inappropriate instructional materials used in the district.

The School Board is legally responsible for all instructional materials used in the district. The Board delegates authority for the selection of specific instructional materials to the professionally trained and certified staff in each building. Many people are involved in the selection of instructional materials, the responsibility for coordinating the selection of library media resources and making the recommendation for purchase rests with certified library media directors. Responsibility for coordination of the selection and distribution of text materials rests with the appropriate grade level committee members and the textbook evaluation committee for each department. "Text materials" refer to textbooks, other print and non-print materials provided in multiple copies for use with a total class or a major portion of a class.

The District shall not discriminate in the selection and evaluation of instructional materials, including textbooks and library media materials, on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, color, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established District procedures.

Students shall be held responsible for the cost of replacing any materials or properties which are lost or damaged through their negligence.

Cost of materials may be charged for materials used in those activities beyond the basic curriculum in which a student elects to participate, particularly in shop activities where the product becomes the property of the student.

Legal Ref: Wisconsin Statutes Sections 118.03, 118.13, 120.13(5), 121.02(1)(h)
 Wisconsin Administrative Code - PI 8.01(2)(h), PI 9.03(1), PI 41
 Fourteenth Amendment, U.S. Constitution
 20 U.S.C. Section 1681, Title IX of Education Amendments Act
 20 U.S.C. Section 1701 et seq., Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974
 29 U.S.C. Section 794, Rehabilitation Act of 1973
 42 U.S.C. Section 2000 et seq., Civil Rights Act of 1964
 42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq., The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
 Vocational Education Program Guidelines for Eliminating Discrimination and Denial of Services, Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, 1979

Cross Ref: 361.1 Rule (1) - Procedures for the Selection and Approval of Instructional Materials
 411 Rule - Student Discrimination Complaint Procedure

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