

Instructional Services

The Board encourages the use of instructional services available to the District.

Paraeducators

The Board recommends the use of teacher aides where practicable.

Resource Persons

The Board encourages the utilization of resource persons who are available in the community.

Textbook Selection and Adoption

In accordance with Michigan School Laws, textbooks, workbooks and electronic materials used in the District shall be adopted by the Board. Once adopted, textbooks shall not be changed without Board approval and shall be used for at least five years, except in unusual situations.

The Superintendent shall be responsible, with the advice of the professional staff, to recommend to the Board textbooks and other educational materials for adoption. The Board shall make every effort to implement those recommendations.

Textbooks should be continuous and sequential in nature when possible.

Insofar as possible, all textbooks should present balanced views concerning the international, national and local issues and problems of our times.

Textbooks should:

- Provide materials to stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values and ethical standards,
- Provide materials that will help students develop abilities in critical thinking and reading,
- Provide materials that will develop and foster an appreciation of American cultural diversity and development,
- Provide an effective basic education for all students, and
- Allow sufficient flexibility for meeting the special needs of individuals and groups.

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The Superintendent shall develop administrative rules outlining a procedure to select textbooks that meet the above criteria. This process shall include a review of available material by instructional staff members. The recommendations resulting from each review will be given thorough consideration.

Any citizen who objects to the final selection made by the Board should follow the procedures outlined in the District's procedure on public complaints about the curriculum or instructional materials. (Cf. 7400-R)

Textbooks and Workbooks - Multicultural Considerations

The District is committed to educating students of all backgrounds, socio-economic status, race, gender, and handicapping conditions. By encouraging administration to use educational materials and methods that implement the District's current educational philosophy, textbooks and workbooks shall be selected which are representative of multicultural concerns and issues in accordance with the corresponding administrative rules and regulations 7350-R.

Use of Textbooks

The use of textbooks as a sole resource tool in the classroom is discouraged. The teachers are encouraged to develop, use and maintain a relevant and up-to-date core of resource materials in the classroom.

Technology

The Superintendent shall develop a plan that coordinates the purchase of technological equipment for the District. Such plan shall provide for equipment or hardware, software compatibility, and future applications.

The Superintendent shall provide for appropriate staff in-service training on the utilization of technological equipment and uses of equipment and software relative to the instructional program and administrative applications.

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