

602.4 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 superintendent, who will consult the licensed and administrative staff to determine which instructional materials will be utilized by and purchased by the school district. The licensed employees will work closely together to ensure vertical and horizontal articulation of textbooks 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. It is the responsibility of the superintendent to report to the board the action taken by the selection committee.

In making its recommendations to the superintendent, the licensed employees will select materials which:

- support the educational philosophy, goals, and objectives of the school district;
- consider the needs, age, and maturity of students;
- are within the school district's budget;
- foster respect and appreciation for cultural 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; and,
- increase awareness of the rights, duties, and responsibilities of each member of a multicultural society.

The Board of Directors of the Muscatine Community School District recognizes the need to maintain current and up-to-date instructional material and equipment.

The Superintendent, with assistance from the administrative and instructional staff, will be responsible for establishing administrative procedures from the implementation of this policy.

Gifts of instructional materials must meet these criteria stated above for the selection of instructional materials. The gift must be received in compliance with board policy 702.5 "Gifts - Grants - Bequests."

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