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INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Selection Policy

The Board is legally responsible to approve and to provide the necessary instructional materials used in the District. Online materials, print materials, manipulatives, equipment, and instructional technologies will be used to provide quality learning experiences for students that:

Enrich and support the curriculum;

Stimulate growth in knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic value, and ethical standards;

Provide background information to enable students to make intelligent judgments;

Present opposing sides of controversial issues;

Be representative of the many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritage;

Depict in an accurate and unbiased way the cultural diversity and pluralistic nature of the American society.

Be matched to the appropriate skill levels of pupils.

Basic instructional course material in the fundamental skill areas of language arts, mathematics, science and social studies should be reviewed at intervals not exceeding five (5) years. All instructional materials must be sequential, and must be compatible with previous and future offerings.

The above principles, adapted from the School Library Bill of Rights (see note below), shall serve as a guide in the selection of all instructional and library materials – textbooks, supplementary books, library books, electronic resources, etc.

Gift materials to the Dover School District will be accepted with the stipulation that they meet the same selection criteria as all other instructional materials.

Note: The School Library Bill of Rights was developed and adopted by the American Association of School Librarians June 18, 1948. Amended February 2, 1961, and January 23, 1980, inclusion of “age” reaffirmed January 23, 1996, by the ALA Council.

Explanatory Note: Electronic resources are considered as, but not limited to: electronic databases, videos, DVDS, CD-ROMS, software, websites, recorded books, library catalog, etc.

For reconsideration of instructional materials see Policy KEC

Statutory/Regulatory/Policy Cross References

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.08, Instructional Resources

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.18 (a) (5), Basic Instructional Standard.