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2510 ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS

The Board of Education believes that textbooks should support and enrich the curriculum and make possible the achievement of the district's instructional goals. The Superintendent shall develop procedures for continual review of new texts being offered and evaluation of those already in use to ensure that the textbooks used in this district are up to date in the factual matter they present, further the district's instructional goals, and are aligned with the board-approved curriculum and the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. Textbooks and instructional materials should be judged by additional standards which shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Does the material reflect the district's affirmative action/equity policy, which prohibits the teaching or encouragement of bias based on any categories listed in law or Board policy?
2. Does it help pupils develop abilities in critical reading and thinking?
3. Does it provide effective basic or advanced education for the pupils for whom it is intended?

The review process shall:

1. Be conducted by teaching staff members, particularly those teachers who will be using the materials as an integral part of the instructional program;
2. Include a written review of the material which shall reflect the consensus of the teaching staff; and
3. Provide an opportunity for public inspection of the recommended text.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative rules outlining a procedure for the selection of instructional materials which meets the above criteria. Instructional materials used within the district should be sufficient in quantity and scope to meet the needs of every pupil in the district.

The Board, by law, makes the final textbook selection decision. However, prior to final adoption, the recommendations resulting from each review will be given thorough consideration.



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Any citizen who objects to the final selections made by the Board should follow the procedures outlined in Regulation 9130 complaints regarding instructional materials.

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