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Book Policy Manual

Section 100 Programs

Title Adoption of Textbooks

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Authority

The Board is responsible for adopting all textbooks used for instruction in the district's educational program. The Board shall establish a planned cycle of textbook review and replacement. [1][2][3][4]

Definition

Textbooks shall be defined as the books, in print or digital format, used as the basic source of information in the planned instruction.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent, after consultation with administrative staff, shall be responsible for the selection and recommendation of textbooks for Board consideration. No adoption or change of textbooks shall be made without the Superintendent's recommendation, except by a two-thirds vote of the Board. [1][3][4]

The Superintendent or designee shall establish administrative regulations for reviewing, evaluating and selecting textbooks according to the following guidelines:

- 1. Professional and administrative staff members designated by the Superintendent shall participate in the selection process.
- 2. Textbooks currently in use shall be periodically evaluated for their continuing usefulness and relevance.

Guidelines

Standards for Approval

In considering the approval of any proposed textbook, the Board shall evaluate its:

- 1. Suitability for the maturity level and educational needs of the students who will be using the book.
- 2. Freedom from bias.
- 3. Relationship to the curriculum.
- 4. Relationship to a continuous multigrade program.
- 5. Cost.
- 6. Appearance and durability.

Records

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A list of all approved textbooks used in district schools shall be maintained by the Superintendent or designee and shall be available to Board members, district staff, students, parents/guardians and community members. [5][4]

Legal 1. 24 P.S. 508

2. 24 P.S. 801 3. 24 P.S. 803 4. Pol. 105.1 Pol. 000

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