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POLICY TITLE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SELECTION No. 605.1

The board recognizes that the selection of instructional materials and resources is a vital component of the school district's curriculum.

The board has sole discretion to approve instructional materials and resources for the school district. The board delegates its authority to determine which instructional materials and resources will be utilized and purchased by the school district to licensed employees. The licensed employees will work closely together to ensure vertical and horizontal articulation of materials in the education program.

The board may appoint a committee for the selection of instructional materials and resources. The committee may be composed of school district employees, parents, students, community members or representatives of community groups.

In reviewing current instructional materials for continued use and in selecting additional instructional materials and resources, the licensed employees will consider the current and future needs of the school district as well as the changes and the trends in education, society and learner needs. It is the responsibility of the Executive Director of Teaching and Learning to report to the board the action taken by the committee.

In making its recommendations to the Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, the licensed employees will select materials and resources 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 an awareness of the rights, duties, and responsibilities of each member of a multicultural society.

Gifts of instructional materials and resources must meet these criteria stated above for the selection of instructional materials. The gift must be received in compliance with board policy 704.4, "Gifts - Grants - Bequests."

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 280.3, .14; 301.
281 I.A.C. 12.3(12).

Cross Reference:
209.1 Ad Hoc Committees
505 Student Scholastic Achievement
602 Curriculum
605 Instructional Materials

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