

## TEXTBOOK SELECTION AND ADOPTION

The Board of Education is responsible for the selection and designation of all textbooks to be used in the district schools. The Superintendent of Schools shall recommend suitable lists of textbooks to be used in the schools for the Board's approval.

Texts, once approved by the Board, shall not be replaced for a period of five years except by a three-fourth's vote of the Board.

The Superintendent shall establish procedures for the selection and recommendation of textbooks and a method for selecting staff members who shall serve in the selection and recommendation process.

The following criteria are to be considered in the selection of textbooks:

Content:

1. contribution the subject matter makes to the curriculum, the interests of the students, and the breadth of representative viewpoints
2. accuracy, objectivity and timeliness of contents
3. authority and competence of the author or editor
4. non-biased, multi-cultural perspective

Format:

1. organization, clarity and accuracy of presentation
2. physical format and print quality
3. readability
4. suitability of format to content and use
5. availability of multi-media materials.

In addition, the following criteria are to be considered in the selection of literary works for classroom use in teaching literature:

1. originality
2. style and coherence
3. sustained interest

Cross-ref: 1420, Complaints about Curricula or Instructional Materials

Ref: Education Law §§701 et seq.; 1711; 2508; 2566

Note: Policy added