



Book	Policy Manual
Section	6000 INSTRUCTION
Title	Selection of Instructional Materials 7-11-2022
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The School Board **desires that district instructional materials present a broad spectrum of knowledge and viewpoints, reflect the ethnic and cultural diversity of our society, and enhance the use of multiple teaching strategies and technologies. The Board's adoption of instructional materials shall be based on a determination that such materials meet criteria specified in law and are an effective learning resource to help students achieve grade-level competency.** ~~believes that instructional materials should be selected and evaluated with great care so that they are educationally sound and unbiased. Instructional materials must support the adopted courses of study and meet current curricular goals.~~ Taken as a whole, District instructional materials should present a broad spectrum of knowledge and viewpoints, reflect the ethnic and cultural diversity of our society, and enhance the use of multiple teaching strategies and technologies.

The Superintendent **or designee** shall establish procedures by which new instructional materials may be requested and subsequently evaluated, together with existing materials. The review of instructional materials shall be coordinated with the overall development and evaluation of the District's curriculum. Teachers, students, parents/guardians and community members shall have the opportunity to recommend instructional materials. ~~The District shall provide training for certificated personnel in the recognition of sex-biased materials.~~

The Superintendent **or designee** shall establish instructional material evaluation committees. These committees shall **include** teachers, administrators and other staff who have subject-matter expertise, **and may include as well as** parents/guardians and/or community members.

Individuals who participate in selecting instructional materials shall have no financial interest in the materials being reviewed, recommended, or approved.

The district may pilot instructional materials using a representative sample of classrooms for a specified period of time during a school year in order to determine how well the materials support the district's curricular goals and academic standards. Feedback from teachers piloting the materials shall be made available to the Board before the materials are adopted. All recommended core instructional materials shall be made available for public inspection upon request at the district office.

Recommendations for the adoption and/or withdrawal of instructional materials may be reviewed with the Board by the Superintendent and shall include documentation supporting the recommendation.

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

11.56.100-11.56.130 Bribery and related offenses

14.07.050 Selection of textbooks

14.07.057 Transmittal of textbook selections

14.08.111 Duties

14.14.110 Cooperation with other districts

14.18.060 Discrimination in textbooks and instructional materials prohibited

14.56.300-1456.340 Library assistance grants

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4 AAC 06.550 Review of instructional materials

4 AAC 06.600 Definitions

4 AAC 57.020 Annual report of library operations

4 AAC 57.050-4 AAC 57.095 Library assistance grants

4 AAC 57.990 Definitions