

Section 7000 – Instructional Programs

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Instructional Services

The Board encourages the use of instructional services available to the District.

Paraeducators

The Board recommends the use of teacher aides where practicable.

Resource Persons

The Board encourages the utilization of resource persons who are available in the community.

Textbook Selection and Adoption

In accordance with Michigan School Laws, textbooks, workbooks, and electronic materials used in the District will be adopted by the Board. Once adopted, textbooks will not be changed without Board approval. The Board delegates the responsibility of vetting textbooks, workbooks, and electronic materials to the Superintendent to be brought to the Board for adoption.

Insofar as possible, all textbooks should present balanced views concerning the international, national and local issues and problems of our times.

Textbooks should:

- Provide materials to stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards
- Provide materials that will help scholars develop abilities in critical thinking and reading
- Provide materials that will develop and foster an appreciation of American cultural diversity and development
- Provide an effective basic education for all scholars and
- Allow sufficient flexibility for meeting the special needs of individuals and groups.

The Superintendent will develop administrative rules outlining a procedure to select textbooks that meet the above criteria that is consistent with applicable state laws and standards as required by the Michigan Department of Education. This process will include a review of available material by instructional staff members. The recommendations resulting from each review will be given thorough consideration.

Any citizen who objects to the final selection made by the Board should follow the procedures outlined in the District's procedure on public complaints about the curriculum or instructional materials. (Cf. 7400-R)

Textbooks and Workbooks - Multicultural Considerations

The District is committed to educating scholars of all backgrounds, socio- economic status, race, gender, and handicapping conditions. By encouraging administration to use educational materials and methods that implement the District's current educational philosophy, textbooks and workbooks must be selected which are representative of multicultural concerns and issues in accordance with the corresponding administrative rules and regulations 7350-R.

Use of Textbooks

The use of textbooks as a sole resource tool in the classroom is discouraged. Teachers are encouraged to develop, use and maintain a relevant and up-to-date core of resource materials in the classroom.

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