

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WAUPACA

SERIES 300 INSTRUCTION

CODE: 361

SELECTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The legal responsibility for instructional materials used in the School District rests ultimately with the Board. Responsibility for selection of instructional materials shall, however, be delegated to the professionally trained staff employed by the school system.

The selection of school resource materials shall be in accordance with the following objectives: (a) To enrich the curriculum; (b) To further the development of youth intellectually, emotionally, culturally, and spiritually.

Materials selection shall be a cooperative continuing process in which administrators, teachers, librarians, media coordinators and students could participate. The basic factors influencing selection shall be the curriculum, the reading interests, abilities and backgrounds of the students, and the quality and accuracy of available materials.

Selection of materials will be assisted by the reading, examination, and checking of standard evaluation aids: i.e., standard catalogues and selection tools such as: CHOICE, HORN BOOK, SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL, BULLETIN OF THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS, BOOK LIST, A.A.A.S. SCIENCE BOOKS, BOWKER CHILDREN'S BOOKS IN PRINT, and by personal recommendation and evaluation.

When selecting instructional materials for use in the schools, consideration shall be given to the following objectives:

- To promote and to provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities and maturity levels of the students served.
- To provide materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values and ethical standards.
- To provide a background of information which will enable students to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives.
- To provide materials representative of the many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritage.
- To provide materials of the highest quality in order to assure a comprehensive collection appropriate for users of the library media centers.

Instructional materials shall be examined to select those in which the presentation and the subject matter are suitable for the grade and the interest level at which they are to be used. They will be considered in relation to both the curriculum and to the personal interest of pupils and teachers.

A balanced collection will be maintained by providing materials that present all points of view concerning the problems and issues of our times, international, national and local; and print or nonprint materials of sound factual authority shall not be prescribed or removed from library shelves because of partisan doctrinal approval or disapproval.

The School District shall not discriminate in the selection and evaluation of instructional and library materials on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, color, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

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CROSS REFERENCE:

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