

Instruction

SUBJECT: SCREENING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The Board of Education hereby charges each department chairperson or representative at the secondary level with responsibility for screening with his/her department members, the K-12 and Curriculum Council, all instructional materials to be used by the department during the regular program of instruction.

Building principals will be charged with this responsibility at the elementary level and should work with their building staff to screen materials. When members of a department or elementary staff are unable to agree as to the appropriateness of materials for use with students, the matters shall be referred to the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education.

It is not the intention of this policy to eliminate the existing practice of securing Board of Education approval in the instance of the adoption of a textbook series.

The Board of Education feels that it can best fulfill its responsibilities for determining the suitability and appropriateness of instructional materials by relying heavily upon the professional experience and judgement of its instructional staff. The above policy will insure that all materials in use by a department will have been screened and approved by each department. In adopting this policy the Board believes that it has taken a realistic approach toward meeting its responsibilities, in view of the virtual impossibility of attempting to screen the total wealth of instructional materials as individual Board members.

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