

Brick Township Board of Education District Policy

Instructional Program

Series 6000

Instructional Materials

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The Board of Educations believes that instructional materials should support and enrich the curriculum and make possible the achievement of the district's instructional goals. To ensure that the materials used in this district are up-to-date in the factual matter they present and also reflect the district's underlying philosophy of education, the Superintendent of Schools shall develop procedures for continual review of new materials being offered and evaluation of those materials already in use. Materials should be judged against the following criteria:

1. Does the instructional material reflect the district's Affirmative Action policy that prohibits the teaching or encouragement of racial, sexual, religious, ethnic or age bias?
2. Does it stimulate growth in actual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values and ethical standards?
3. Does it help students develop abilities in critical reading and thinking?
4. Does it provide effective basic or advanced education for the students for whom it is intended?

The list of instructional materials presented for approval should be sufficient in scope to meet the needs of every student in the district.

The review process shall include:

1. Review and recommendation for selection by teaching staff members, particularly those teachers who will be using the materials as in integral part of the instructional program.
2. Review and recommendation for selection by the Superintendent of Schools and other administrative staff members.

The Board, by law, reserves the right to make the final instructional materials selection decision. However, prior to final adoption, the recommendations resulting from each review will be given through consideration.

Legal References

- NJSA 18A:4-25 Prescribing minimum courses of study for public schools; approval of courses 18A:33-1 District to furnish suitable facilities; adoption of courses of study
18A:34-1 Textbooks; selection; furnished free with supplies; appropriations
18A:35-1 et seq. Curriculum and Courses
P.L. 2005, c. 266 Districts to provide an alternate to dissection
- NJAC 6A:7-1.4 Responsibilities of the district board of education
6A:23-6.1 et seq. Purchase and Loan of Textbooks
6A:32-14.1 Review of mandated programs and services
Comprehensive Equity Plan, State Department of Education
Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts
Multi-year Equity Plan SDOE Bureau of Equal Educ Opportunity, Doc. #MISM260040699
New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC)