

MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS

Board Policy

BP 6161.1

INSTRUCTION

Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials

The Governing Board desires that District instructional materials, as a whole, present a broad spectrum of knowledge and viewpoints, reflect the ethnic 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 acquire facts, skills, and opinions and to develop cognitive processes.

To ensure that instructional materials effectively support the District's adopted courses of study and meet current curricular goals, the selection of textbooks, technology-based materials, other educational materials and tests shall be coordinated with the overall development and evaluation of the District's curriculum.

The Superintendent/designee shall establish a process by which instructional materials shall be reviewed for recommendation to the Board. This process shall involve teachers in a substantial manner and shall also encourage the participation of parents/guardians and community members as appropriate.

Individuals who participate in selecting and evaluating instructional materials shall have no financial interest in the materials being reviewed, recommended or approved. Incompatible activities and conflicts of interest related to the selection and evaluation of instructional materials shall be clearly identified in administrative regulations.

All recommended instructional materials shall be available for public inspection at the District Office.

Complaints concerning instructional materials shall be handled in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 1720-1723 Preparation of courses of study
- 35272 Education and athletic materials
- 44805 Enforcement of course of studies; use of textbooks,
rules and regulations
- 51501 Subject matter reflecting on race, color, etc.
- 60000-60005 Instructional materials, legislative intent
- 60010 Definitions
- 60040-60048 Instructional requirements and materials
- 60060-60062 Requirements publishers and manufacturers
- 60070-60076 Prohibited acts (re instructional materials)
- 60110-60111 Instructional materials on drug education
- 60117-60119 Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Incentive Program
- 60200-60206 Elementary school materials
- 60240-60252 State Instructional Materials Fund
- 60350-60352 Core reading program instructional materials
- 60400-60411 High school textbooks
- 60450-60453 Schiff-Bustamante Standards-Based Instructional Materials
Program

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 9505-9550 Instructional materials

CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES

- 1002.90 Selection of Instructional Materials, CIL: 90/91-02