

Board Responsibility

The Board of Education of the Eau Claire Area School District is legally responsible for all regulations relating to the operation of the schools (§120.12(1)). It is also responsible for the selection of all instructional materials, including the adoption of textbooks (§118.03). Responsibility for the actual selection of instructional materials is delegated to the professionally-trained personnel employed by the school system.

Objective of Selection

The primary objective in selecting instructional materials shall be to provide materials to meet a wide range of interests on all levels of difficulty, with diversity of appeal, and to provide for presentation of different points of view.

The School Board delegates responsibility to the administration for the establishment of selection criteria, with the understanding that reputable and unbiased professional selection aids will be utilized in selecting instructional materials. Also, whenever possible, personal examination and evaluation of materials will be made. The primary criteria for selecting instructional materials shall be their educational value and their interest for all students.

Selection Procedures

In selecting educational materials, school personnel shall evaluate existing materials and consult reputable, unbiased, professionally-prepared selection aids; consultants; specialists and/or potential users from all departments and/or grade levels; or committees appointed by the administration to serve in an advisory capacity in the selection of materials.

The Superintendent of Schools is charged with responsibility for structuring selection procedures that will ensure involvement of all potential users of the materials while recognizing that degree of involvement will vary.

Challenged Materials

The Board respects the rights of citizens to object to instructional materials they feel are inappropriate for school use and charges the administration with responsibility for developing procedures whereby challenged materials will be objectively reviewed by the Reconsideration Committee. Appeals of reviews may be made to the Board by any district resident who is unsatisfied with the decision rendered by the Reconsideration Committee. The decision of the Board shall be final. The Board will be informed annually, at a public meeting, of any materials that were challenged and/or removed by the Reconsideration Committee.

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

Referenced Acts, Statutes, Instructions: §118.03, 118.13, 120.12(1), 120.10(15), 120.44, 121.02(1)(h), Wisconsin Statutes; PI 8.01(2)(h), PI 9, Wisconsin Administrative Code

Cross Reference: 361-Rule, Guidelines for Selection of Educational Materials; 361-Exhibit (1), Committee Report on Textbook Adoption; 361-Exhibit (2), Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of Instructional Materials; 411-Rule, Student Discrimination Complaint Procedures

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