

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SELECTION AND REVIEW

The legal responsibility for instructional materials used in the Evansville Community School District rests with the Evansville Community School District Board of Education. The selection of instructional materials is delegated to the appropriate professionally trained certified personnel who shall complete this responsibility in accordance with this policy and established selection criteria and procedures. Materials which require a major expense (\$10,000) or reflect a change in methodology shall be approved by the Board.

The District provides instructional materials, including library media materials, to accomplish the goals and objectives of the school system. Classroom instructional materials are provided that meet specific curriculum goals. School library media centers provide materials for various levels of learning with a wide range of appeal and different points of view to support the curriculum, encourage independent study and research, foster literacy and learning skills, and promote personal reading enjoyment.

The Board delegates to the District the responsibility to provide instructional materials that meet the following standards:

1. Enrich and support the curriculum taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities and maturity levels of the students served.
2. Stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values and ethical standards.
3. Provide a background of information that will enable students to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives.
4. Provide a diversity of viewpoints so that students may develop, under guidance, the practice of analytical reading and thinking.
5. Represent many religious, ethnic and cultural groups and show how these contributed to the American heritage.
6. Provide students with options for constructive use of leisure time.
7. Provide content that is valid, relevant, appropriate and up-to-date.
8. Contain format quality and variety.

The Board recognizes the right of any resident of the District to object to instructional materials. The review of questioned materials shall be treated objectively, as an important routine action, and in accordance with established District procedures. Every effort shall be made to consider the best interests of the students, school, curriculum and the community.

Legal Ref.: Sections 118.13 Wisconsin Statutes (Pupil Discrimination Prohibited)
121.02(1)(h) (School District Standards)
PI 8.01(2)(h) Wisconsin Administrative Code
PI 9.03(1)(e)

Local Ref.: Policy #411 – Equal Educational Opportunities
#361.2 – Use of Video and Audio Recordings
#872 – Request for Reconsideration of Instructional Materials
#872 Form – Request for Reconsideration of Instructional Materials Form