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| Todd County School District Policy: IJJ |
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TEXTBOOK/INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SELECTION AND ADOPTION

The board will officially adopt textbooks and textbook programs for use in the district schools upon the recommendation of the superintendent.

Responsibility for the review and selection of textbooks to be recommended will rest with textbook and/or curriculum committees as appointed by the superintendent or his/her designee. Membership on such committees shall include representation by the curriculum coordinator, teachers who will use the texts, other administrators, and other staff members as found desirable. Students and parents may be asked to serve.

Principles that apply generally to the selection of instructional materials and library materials will apply to the selection of textbooks and books. The State Board of Education will have the power to review any books or other instructional materials selected for use in the district schools. Additionally, basic textbooks, textbook programs, and instructional materials will be chosen

1. to advance the educational outcomes of the school system and particular outcomes of a course or program;
2. to contribute toward continuity, integration, and articulation of what students are expected to demonstrate; and,
3. to support a general framework for the particular course or program.

Because the instructional purposes of textbooks, as stated above, are of such importance, particular care will be taken in their selection as to content.

Although many points must be examined, the board directs the staff to be particularly mindful of the following considerations:

1. the needs of all learners must be provided for;
2. insofar as possible, multiethnic materials which depict a pluralistic society should be selected;
3. attention should be given to sex roles depicted in the materials;

4. the textbook or materials should lead the student and teacher beyond the textbook into a wide variety of other materials and educational experiences;
5. if the textbook or instructional materials deals with problems and issues, it should present and encourage examination of all points of view; and,
6. because textbooks and instructional materials are selected for several years' use, special attention shall also be given to their physical characteristics, durability, format, and price.

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