

<i>Policy</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Code</i>
	SELECTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS	IE

HOLLISTON

Instructional materials will be selected by professional staff in accordance with the following criteria:

1. Instructional materials should enrich and support the current curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities, and maturity levels of students served.
2. Instructional materials should stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards.
3. Instructional materials should provide a background of information which will enable students to make intelligent judgments in daily life.
4. Instructional materials should present opposing sides of controversial issues so that young citizens may develop under guidance the practice of critical thinking and reading.
5. Instructional materials should be representative of racial, religious, ethnic, gender, and cultural groups whenever possible, emphasizing their valuable contributions to American heritage.
6. Books and instructional materials should be chosen for values of interest and enlightenment of all the students of a community. A book will not be excluded because of the race, nationality, or the political or religious views of the author.
7. Since books and instructional materials are selected to provide for the interest and needs of the school community and the school program, they may be selected cooperatively by teachers, principals, and librarians, sometimes with the assistance of students and parents.
8. In the selection of books and other instructional materials, consideration should be given to factual accuracy, authoritativeness, balance, integrity and aesthetic values.
9. Books and instructional materials will be reviewed periodically by members of the staff to ensure their timeliness and continued appropriateness.
10. The School Committee has ultimate authority over curriculum.

No duly selected instructional materials whose appropriateness is challenged shall be removed from the curriculum except upon the recommendation of a review committee (as provided for in the related procedure IE-P) with the concurrence of the Superintendent or upon formal action of the School Committee when a recommendation of a review committee is appealed.

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