

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS

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DERRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

No. 108 ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS

Authority

The Board shall, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the full Board, adopt all textbooks used for instruction in the district's educational program. The Board reserves the right to establish a planned cycle of textbook review and replacement.[1][2][3][4]

Definition

Textbooks shall be defined as the books, in print or digital format, used as the basic source of information in the planned instruction.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent, after consultation with administrative and professional staff, shall be responsible for the selection and recommendation of textbooks for Board consideration. No adoption or change of textbook shall be made without his/her recommendation except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board.[1][3][4]

The Superintendent or designee shall establish administrative regulations for reviewing, evaluating and selecting textbooks according to the following guidelines:

1. Professional staff members selected by the Superintendent shall participate in the selection process.
2. Textbooks with copyright dates more than five (5) years old shall be reviewed annually for their continuing suitability.
3. The staff shall continually research new sources of textbooks.
4. Textbooks currently in use shall be periodically evaluated for their continuing usefulness and relevance.

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Guidelines

In considering the approval of any proposed textbook, the Board will evaluate its:

1. Suitability for the maturity level and educational accomplishment of the students who will be using the book.
2. Freedom from bias.
3. Relationship to the curriculum.
4. Relationship to a continuous multi-grade program.
5. Cost.
6. Appearance and durability.

A list of all approved textbooks shall be prepared and maintained. It shall be reviewed periodically by the Superintendent and made available for the use of the professional staff and for the information of members of the Board.

Legal References

1. 24 P.S. 508
2. 24 P.S. 801
3. 24 P.S. 803
4. Pol. 006
5. Pol. 105.1
6. 22 PA Code 14.106
7. 24 P.S. 807.1
8. Pol. 103.1
9. Pol. 610