



NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 203

Board of Education Policy 6-220

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INSTRUCTION

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SELECTION AND ADOPTION

The freedom of the faculty to select textbooks, library books and other instructional materials is a professional privilege. Board of Education policy supports academic freedom as basic to both democracy and public education.

The Board expresses good faith in the faculty's capacity to select educational materials using professional judgment. Textbooks shall be adopted consistent with provisions of *The School Code of Illinois*.

With respect to the selection of textbooks for adoption in courses of instruction, the Board approves the following principles and procedures:

- a. Textbooks will be selected on the basis of their merit as aids to instruction in specific courses, as judged by the department concerned and approved by the department chair and the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, for recommendation by the Superintendent for approval by the Board.
- b. Books for the courses taught by an individual teacher will also be submitted for review and recommendation to the department chair and Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, for approval by the Board.
- c. Optional readings and supplementary materials will be selected by the individual teacher through consultation with the department chair and Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

As for adverse criticism of approved books, and petitions for censorship, removal or expurgation of content deemed by a critic or critics to be offensive on moral political, religious or other grounds, Board Policy 6-260 (Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs) will be followed.

Legal Reference: 105 ILCS 5/28-1 et seq., Cross Reference: Policy 6-260

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