

3 **INSTRUCTION**

5 Instructional Materials

7 The Board is legally responsible to approve and to provide the necessary instructional materials.  
8 Textbooks and instructional materials should provide quality learning experiences for students  
9 and:

- 11 • Enrich and support the curriculum.
- 12 • Stimulate growth in knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic value, and ethical
- 13 standards.
- 14 • Provide background information to enable students to make intelligent judgments.
- 15 • Present opposing sides of controversial issues.
- 16 • Be representative of the many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups and their
- 17 contributions to our American heritage.
- 18 • Depict in an accurate and unbiased way the cultural diversity and pluralistic nature of
- 19 American society.

21 Basic instructional course material in the fundamental skill areas of language arts, mathematics,  
22 science, and social studies should be reviewed at intervals not exceeding five (5) years, or  
23 consistent with the state’s standards revision schedule that are consistent with the goals of the  
24 continuous school improvement plan. All instructional materials must be sequential and must be  
25 compatible with previous and future offerings.

27 There are times when students may be asked to pay for instructional materials. In required  
28 classes, students may have to purchase optional items. In elective classes students may be asked  
29 to purchase required items. In either case, the District may loan these materials to the student as  
30 determined on a case by case basis.

32 Instructional materials may be made available for loan to students when the best interest of the  
33 District and student will be served by such a decision. Students will not be charged for normal  
34 wear of materials that are loaned to them. They will be charged replacement cost, however, for  
35 excessive wear, unreasonable damage or lost materials. The professional staff will maintain  
36 records necessary for the proper accounting of all instructional materials.

38 Cross Reference:

39 Policy 2120	Curriculum Development
40 Policy 2314	Learning Materials Review

42 Legal Reference:

43 § 20-4-402, MCA	Duties of District Superintendent or County High School Principal
44 § 20-7-601, MCA	Free textbook provision

1	§ 20-7-602, MCA	Textbook selection and adoption
2	10.55.603(4)(b), ARM	Curriculum and Assessment
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4	<u>Policy History:</u>	
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