

1 2311 INSTRUCTION

2 Instructional Materials

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

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

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

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

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

27 Cross Reference:

28 2120 Curriculum Development

29 2314 Learning Materials Review

30 Legal Reference:

31 § 20-4-402, MCA Duties of District Superintendent or County High School Principal

32 § 20-7-601, MCA Free textbook provision

33 § 20-7-602, MCA Textbook selection and adoption

34 10.55.603(4)(b), ARM Curriculum and Assessment

35 Policy History:

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