

## SELECTION AND RE-EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The School District of New Berlin Board of Education is legally responsible for all matters relating to the operation of the school district. All instructional materials purchased by the school district for use in the instructional program shall be acquired in accordance with this policy and accompanying administrative guidelines. All textbook adoptions shall be approved by the board of education in accordance with general statutes. The Board of Education has the final authority on any materials.

The responsibility for reviewing and selecting instructional materials is delegated to professionally trained personnel employed by the school system. Selection of materials involves many people, including teachers, librarians, media specialists, content leaders, and principals.

The primary objective of the school's instructional materials is to implement, enrich, and support the educational program of the school. The school is responsible for providing a wide range of materials on all levels of difficulty with diversity of appeal, and the presentation of different points of view. Materials will not discriminate, in any form or substance, against any class protected by law.

The professional staff is responsible for recommending instructional materials which:

- 1.) Provide information and experiences that will enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities, and maturity of the pupils served.
- 2.) Provide information and experiences that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values from an artistic point of view, and ethical standards.
- 3.) Provide a background of information which will enable pupils to make intelligent judgments in their daily life.
- 4.) Provide information on opposing sides of controversial issues so that young citizens may develop under guidance the practice of critical analysis of all media.
- 5.) Provide information representative of the many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups and their contributions to our heritage and its role in the modern world.
- 6.) Place principle above personal opinion and reason above prejudice in order to assure a high quality, comprehensive collection.

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