



Equipment, Books and Materials

The Board of Education shall provide each school with the equipment, textbooks, and other learning materials necessary to meet the needs of instruction.

Adoption of Primary Learning Materials

The review and selection of primary learning materials will be carried on continuously by the professional staff in order to remain current.

Where applicable all materials should present balanced views concerning the international, national and local issues and problems of the past, present, and future, and should:

1. Stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation and aesthetic and ethical values.
2. Help students develop abilities in critical reading and thinking.
3. Develop and foster an appreciation of the cultural diversity and development in the United States and throughout the world.
4. Provide for students an effective basic education that does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, color, religion, national origin, gender, or disabilities.
5. Allow sufficient flexibility for meeting the special needs of individual students and groups of students.

Any textbook or learning material that will serve the function of a textbook must be processed through the district curriculum review and revision procedure or a special ad hoc committee assembled by the Superintendent and consistent with the relevant curricula formally adopted by the Board of Education. This applies to a textbook or material that will be used as a primary learning tool on an ongoing basis with the majority of students in a class, course, or learning group within a class.

The administration will develop and review administrative rules outlining a procedure to select textbooks which meet the above criteria. This process shall include:

1. Analysis, evaluation, and recommendation by professional staff; and
2. The opportunity for review of the recommended textbooks by interested staff and board members, as well as community members.

By state statute, the Clinton Board of Education will make final textbook selection/approval decisions for the school district.

The Superintendent shall be empowered to approve the trial use of a primary learning material for a period of up to one school year. Written notification of such trial use shall be provided to the Board of Education and the Curriculum Council for informational purposes.



Supplemental Materials

Supplemental learning materials are those books, audiovisual kits, and other instructional materials that are used by instructional staff to complement primary learning materials. These must be approved by the Principal and Department Chair, when appropriate.

Legal Reference: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-221
 Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-222a
 Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-228
 Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-229

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