

OSBA Model Sample Policy

Code: IIA
Adopted:

Instructional Materials**

The Board believes proper care and judgment should be exercised in selecting core and supplemental instructional materials and school and classroom library materials.

A material involved with a reconsideration will remain available throughout the reconsideration process. Materials will not be removed for discriminatory reasons. A request for reconsideration of materials may be processed through established procedures found in accompanying administrative regulations. Meetings of reconsideration committees may be subject to Public Meetings Law. Records regarding reconsideration procedures are subject to Public Records Law.

This policy is not intended to cover classroom activities. Complaints regarding classroom activities unrelated to materials can be filed using other established district complaint procedures.

The term “instructional material” includes core instructional materials, supplemental materials, school library materials, and classroom library materials.

Some materials may fall into more than one of the following categories. If there is a question regarding selection or reconsideration, the district administration may select which procedure to use.

Definitions

“Core instructional material,” ¹ sometimes referred to as basal, means any organized system, which constitutes the major instructional vehicle for a given course of study, or any part thereof. Core instructional materials may include adaptive or personalized learning programs, digital textbooks, and print textbooks and are adopted and paid for by the district. Core instructional materials may include such instructional materials as a hardbound or a softbound book or books, or sets or kits of print and non-print materials, including electronic and internet or web-based materials or media.

“Supplemental instructional materials” means instructional materials used as part of the course of study, which are not part of the core instructional materials. They contain materials to supplement and/or differentiate core instruction and are generally teacher selected. These materials are not adopted by the Board. Materials required or assigned to be used as part of a class may be considered supplemental instructional materials, regardless of the source or location of the material.

“School library materials” means materials which are kept in the school library for student selection and use. The use of these materials may not be required for a particular class, but they may be selected by students to use. These may include books, media, newspapers, magazines, videos, websites, or databases, including in digital or print, etc. These materials are not adopted by the Board.

“Classroom library materials” means materials which are kept in the classroom for student selection and use. The use of these materials is not required for the class, but they may be selected by students to use.

¹ This comes from OAR 581-011-0050(1), referring to instructional materials which must be adopted by local school boards.

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Core Instructional Materials

The Board retains the authority to approve core instructional materials used in district schools and authorizes the superintendent or designee to develop and implement administrative regulations governing selection and adoption of such materials. Procedures will provide for involvement of administrators, staff, parents, and community members; will use established selection criteria to contribute to the attainment of district, program, and course or grade-level goals; and will reflect recent knowledge, trends, and technology in the field.

The district will review core instructional materials in accordance with the State Board of Education adoption cycle. Each core instructional program and its instructional materials will be reviewed, and any resulting recommendations will be issued by district administration to the Board for approval. All recommended core instructional materials shall be approved by the Board prior to use. The district will establish a process and timeline for regularly determining and considering whether core instructional materials are available through online resources that enable students with print disabilities to receive textbooks and instructional materials free of charge. All requests for reconsideration of core instructional materials may be considered under administrative regulation IIA-AR(2) - Reconsideration of Core Instructional Materials.

The district may choose to independently adopt core instructional materials which are not on the state-approved list, using state-approved selection criteria. (See administrative regulation IIA-AR(6) – Independent Adoption of Instructional Materials)

Supplemental Instructional Materials

All supplemental instructional materials will be selected by teachers, principals, librarians, and/or others, as determined appropriate. Such materials will contain suitable readability levels and support the district's adopted curriculum content. Materials will be used for their intended audience. All requests for reconsideration of supplemental instructional materials may be considered under administrative regulation IIA-AR(3) - Reconsideration of Supplemental Instructional Materials.

School Library Materials

All school library materials will be selected by a librarian using established selection criteria. Such materials will contain suitable readability levels. All requests for reconsideration of school library materials may be considered under administrative regulation IIA-AR(4) - Reconsideration of School or Classroom Library Materials.

Classroom Library Materials

All classroom library materials will be selected by a classroom teacher and/or others. Such materials will contain suitable readability levels. Teachers are responsible for knowing the available materials in their classroom library. All requests for reconsideration of classroom library materials may be considered under administrative regulation IIA-AR(4) - Reconsideration of School or Classroom Library Materials.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 174.100	ORS 337.150	OAR 581-021-0045
ORS 332.107	ORS 337.260	OAR 581-021-0046
ORS 336.035	ORS 337.511	OAR 581-022-2310
ORS 336.082	ORS 339.155	OAR 581-022-2340
ORS 336.840	ORS 659.850	OAR 581-022-2350
ORS 337.120		OAR 581-022-2355
ORS 337.141	OAR 581-011-0050 - 0117	

Every Student Succeeds Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6311-6322 (2018).

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (2018); 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.101-42.106 (2019).

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683, 1701, 1703-1705, 1720 (2018); Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2024).

Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12133 (2018); 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2019); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2019).

Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107 (2018).