

North Wasco County School District 21

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Instructional Materials

Core Instructional Materials¹

The Board selects core instructional materials. The responsibility to ensure procedures on selection and recommendations for core instructional materials are followed rests with the superintendent. The responsibility for coordinating the distribution of core instructional materials to classes also rests with the superintendent. It is the principal's responsibility to implement and maintain the core instructional materials, and teachers are expected to use selected core instructional materials in the classroom.

Materials selection committees will be appointed by the administration at the time necessary adoption areas are determined. The committee will review the materials and the general criteria for materials selection and provide a recommendation to the superintendent. The superintendent may make changes to the recommendation and shall submit a recommendation(s) to the Board for adoption prior to use.

If the district chooses to adopt core instructional materials which are not on the state-approved list, the rules outlined in OAR 581-022-2350 will apply.

Supplemental Instructional Materials²

The responsibility for evaluating and selecting supplemental instructional materials is delegated to principals, and/or others, as determined appropriate, who may collaborate as part of the process. Other authoritative matter experts may be included when practicable, as determined by the district.

1. Materials will contain suitable readability levels and support the district's adopted curriculum content.
2. Recommendations for selection may be solicited from staff and may include students.
3. Donated materials will be evaluated using the district's selection criteria and will be accepted or rejected based on those criteria.
4. Selection is an ongoing process which should include the removal of materials which no longer meet the selection criteria and the replacement of lost and worn materials still of educational value.

¹ "Core instructional material," 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.

² "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 Materials³

1. In selecting materials for the school library or media center, a librarian, under supervision of the principal, will evaluate the existing collection and the curriculum needs. The librarian will consult reputable, professionally prepared selection aids and other professional sources. Materials will contain suitable readability levels.
2. Recommendations for selection may be solicited from staff and students.
3. Donated materials will be evaluated using the established selection criteria and will be accepted or rejected based on those criteria.
4. Selection is an ongoing process which should include the removal of materials which no longer meet the selection criteria and the replacement of lost and worn materials still of educational value.

Classroom Library Materials⁴

1. When selecting materials for a classroom library, the teacher may consult staff and/or accept recommendations from staff and students.
2. Donated materials will be evaluated and may be accepted or rejected by the teacher.
3. Selection is an ongoing process which should include the removal of materials which no longer meet the selection criteria.

³ “School library materials” means materials that 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.

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