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In accordance with the School Act and the Ministry of Education Learning Resources Policy, the Board of Education “may only use learning resources that the board considers appropriate, are specified in an educational program guide or are recommended by the Ministry of Education from time to time.” The purpose of this policy and the accompanying regulations is to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Education regarding the selection of learning resources.

The Board supports resource-based learning and encourages teachers to utilize a range of educational media and resources. For the purpose of this statement of policy, the term “learning resources” will refer to any person(s) or any material with instructional content or function that is used for formal or informal teaching/learning purposes.

The Board acknowledges that the primary objective of learning resources is to support, enrich, and help implement an educational program. The Board delegates the responsibility for the selection and recommendation of learning resources to the Superintendent of Schools in accordance with district criteria.

The Superintendent (or designate) and school principals have a general responsibility for ensuring that the approved criteria are known and appropriately applied. The responsibility for the vetting of recommended resources and subsequent purchase rests with school principals.

Finally, on the basis of appropriateness, any student, parent or employee of the school district may formally challenge learning resources used in the district’s educational programs.

Related Policies and Regulations:

[See Ministerial Order 333/99, the Educational Program Guide Order; section 5.](#)

[School Act, Section 168 \(2\) \(e\)](#)

[Ministry of Education Policy, Learning Resources Policy Statement, July 1, 2017](#)

1110-10 Learning Resource Regulation

1110-30 Review of Instructional Materials Regulation

1115-10 Board Authorized Courses Regulation

OTHER

[BC ERAC, Evaluating, Selecting and Acquiring](#)

[Learning Resources: A Guide https://www.bcerac.ca/resources/whitepapers/docs/ERAC_WB.pdf, 2008](https://www.bcerac.ca/resources/whitepapers/docs/ERAC_WB.pdf)