

Learning Resources Regulation

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This Regulation provides criteria for the purchase of learning resources necessary to meet the educational needs of *all* students in the schools of the district. The responsibility for ensuring the criteria for learning resources selection is known and appropriately applied rests with the Superintendent and Principals.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF LEARNING RESOURCES

I. PREAMBLE

“The ministry no longer conducts evaluation processes to recommended learning resources. This responsibility now rests with boards.” Learning Resources Policy, July 2017

II. Learning Resources Defined

For the purposes of this Regulation, the term "learning resources" will refer to any person(s) or material(s) (whether acquired or locally produced) with instructional content/function or opportunities that are used for formal or informal teaching/learning purposes. Learning resources include:

- hands on learning tools like manipulatives
- electronic media (e.g. computer software and programs, websites, movies and other multi-media)
- library resources
- guest speakers and presenters
- field trips
- print materials (e.g. textbooks, printed teaching materials)
- other teaching resources chosen to support student learning

The primary objective of learning resources is to support, enrich, and help implement an education program.

III. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SELECTION OF LEARNING RESOURCES

It is the duty of professional staff to provide students with a wide range of materials at varying levels of difficulty, with diversity of appeal and the presentation of different points of view. Professional staffs are responsible for the selection of learning resources.

While selection of learning resources involves many people, the responsibility of coordinating recommended resources and subsequent purchase rests with school principals.

From time to time Sub Committees of District Committees (e.g. Framework for Enhancing Student Learning and the Aboriginal Education Committee) will be struck, for resource selection, for the reasons such as:

- Uniformity of the main resources used within the district to accommodate the transitory nature of many of the students in Prince Rupert.
- To ensure consistent programs throughout the district.
- To ensure that schools with small staffs are not required to be responsible for several resource selections in one year.

IV. CRITERIA ON THE SELECTION OF LEARNING RESOURCES

The School District supports learning resources that will:

1. Support the learning standards of the BC curriculum (KUD – Knowledge, Understanding and Doing) or locally developed curricula;
2. Support diverse learning needs;
3. Help students apply what they learn in school to real life;
4. Be developmentally and age appropriate and accommodate a variety of learning styles;
5. Take into consideration students' varied interests, abilities and backgrounds ;
6. Meet the requirements set by copyright considerations;
7. Comply with the requirements set by FOIPPA;
8. Be suitable based on social considerations such as, but not limited to: Aboriginal learning, gender identity and expression, multiculturalism, religion, and ethical standards;
9. Place principle above personal opinion and reason above prejudice in order to assure a comprehensive, high quality collection of learning resources appropriate to the school community;
10. Meet high standards of quality in factual content and presentation;
11. Give priority to learning resources developed and produced in Canada, assuming the resource meets other criteria; and
12. Meet present and future curricular needs of students, and are consistent with district and school directions.

V. Other Considerations

1. The *selection of learning resources on controversial issues* will be directed towards maintaining a balanced collection representing various views. Learning resources shall clarify historical and contemporary forces by presenting and analyzing intergroup tension and conflict objectively, placing emphasis on recognizing and understanding social and economic problems that led up to the conflict.
2. Emphasis will be placed on the selection of *Canadian learning resources and local learning resources* (i.e. Aboriginal content) where appropriate. These resources include book and non-book learning materials by or about a Canadian person, region or event.
3. Care should be taken to avoid duplication of learning resources already available in the school.
4. Gift materials shall be judged by the criteria outlined and shall be accepted or rejected by those criteria.
5. Selection is an ongoing process which should include the removal of materials which are no longer appropriate according to the criteria for the selection of learning resources.

REFERENCES:

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](#)

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