

Washington West Supervisory Union Model Policy

Policy G5

G-5: SELECTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Policy

It is the policy of the member district schools of the Washington West Supervisory Union: Fayston Elementary School, Harwood Union High School, Moretown Elementary School, Waitsfield Elementary School, Warren Elementary School, Waterbury/Duxbury Union School District (Crossett Brook Middle School and Thatcher Brook Primary School), and the Washington West Supervisory Union to provide students with a broad variety of instructional materials to support student learning.

Implementation

Instructional materials will be selected by professional staff in accordance with the following criteria and procedures:

1. Instructional materials should enrich and support the current curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities, and maturity levels of students served.
2. Instructional materials should stimulate growth and knowledge.
3. Instructional materials should present opposing sides of controversial issues so that, with guidance, young citizens may develop the practice of critical thinking.
4. Instructional materials should be representative of a wide range of groups, including, but not limited to, different racial, religion, ethnic, and cultural groups.
5. Since books and instructional materials are selected to provide for the interest and needs of the school community and the school program and to encourage students to read regularly, they may be selected cooperatively by teachers, principals, and librarians, sometimes with the assistance of students and parents.
6. In the selection of books and other instructional materials, consideration should be given to factual accuracy, authoritativeness, balance, and integrity.
7. Books and instructional materials will be viewed by members of the staff to assure their relevance and continued appropriateness.
8. The superintendent has ultimate authority under 16 V.S.A. §563 (14) to preview and approve instructional materials according to this policy.

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Legal Reference(s):	16 V.S.A. §563 (14) (Powers of School Boards)
Cross Reference:	Complaints About Instructional Materials (G6) Selecting Library Materials (G4)