

Concord School District Policy #630

Selection of Instructional Materials

The Concord School Board is legally responsible for all materials relating to the operation of the Concord Schools. The Board delegates to the Superintendent and professional staff the responsibility for selection and coordination of instructional materials and other resources. As general guidance, the Concord School Board believes it is the responsibility of professional staff to provide materials that:

- Enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the various interests, abilities and maturity levels of the students served;
- Stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literacy appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards;
- Provide a background that will enable students to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives;
- Present opposing sides of controversial issues so that students develop, under guidance, the practice of critical analysis;
- Represent different religious, ethnic, and cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritage;
- Promote principle above personal opinion and reason above prejudice in the selection of materials of the highest quality in order to assure access to a comprehensive collection appropriate for students.

The professional staff may select instructional materials from a variety of media, including but not limited to books, online/internet materials, equipment, newspapers, other media, and instructional technologies. Materials shall be age appropriate, provide quality learning experiences, and fit within the District's educational goals and philosophies.

Legal References:

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.08, Instructional Resources

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.14(e), Basic Instructional Standards

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