

Van Buren County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in November	Descriptor Term: Selection of Instructional Materials (Other than Textbooks)	Descriptor Code: 4.402	Issued Date: 06/17/99
		Rescinds:	Issued:

1 The Board will seek to provide a wide range of instructional materials¹ on all levels of difficulty, with
2 diversity of appeal, and the presentation of different points of view and will provide procedures for
3 review and reconsideration of allegedly inappropriate instructional materials.

4 5 OBJECTIVES OF SELECTION

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7 In order to assure that instructional materials are an integral part of the educational program, the
8 following selection objectives are adopted:

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- 10 1. To provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum and personal needs of the
11 students, taking into consideration their varied interests, abilities and learning styles;
 - 12 2. To provide materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation,
13 aesthetic values and ethical standards;
 - 14 3. To provide a background of information which will enable students to make intelligent judg-
15 ments in their daily lives;
 - 16 4. To provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that the students may develop
17 under guidance the practice of critical analysis;
 - 18 5. To provide materials which realistically represent our pluralistic society and reflect the contri-
19 butions made by these groups and individuals to our American heritage;
 - 20 6. To place principles above personal opinion and reason above prejudice in the selection of ma-
21 terials of the highest quality in order to ensure a comprehensive media collection appropriate
22 for all students.

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25 The principal of each school shall annually appoint a committee of teachers to determine how to
26 spend the pooled amount of the second \$100 given to each teacher in the school .²

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35 Legal References:
36 1. TRR/MS 0520-1-3--07(3)
37 2. TCA 49-3-359

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Cross Reference:
Controversial Materials 4.801