

Missoula County Public Schools

INSTRUCTION 2311

Instructional Materials and Textbooks

The provision of appropriate instructional materials and textbooks is essential to an effective educational program. Every effort shall be made to provide to all students basic, quality materials in order to meet the established objectives of every class and course of study.

Instructional materials are any materials used in classroom instruction, library or any materials to which a teacher might refer a student as part of the course of instruction.

Textbook means a book, digital resource or manual used as a principal source of study material for a given class or group of students. MCA 20-1-101 (30)

The Superintendent shall establish procedures for the selection of textbooks.

The Board must approve and provide the necessary textbooks used in the delivery of curriculum. Core textbooks shall be selected by the Superintendent, or designee, and adopted by the Board prior to their use. The selection of other instructional materials does not require Board approval. The piloting of programs or textbooks may be authorized by the Superintendent for a period of no more than one school year prior to Board adoption.

Textbooks approved for pilot programs shall be restricted to specific classes.

Adopted textbooks in each curricular area shall be reviewed at intervals not exceeding five (5) years or in a manner consistent with the state's standards revisions schedule. All adopted textbooks must support K-12 articulation and align with MCPS standards, benchmarks, and grade level expectations.

The trustees shall purchase textbooks at the expense of the district and loan them to students free of charge. Each student shall be required to exercise reasonable care in the use of such textbooks.

Cross Reference: Policy 2313 Dealing with Challenged Educational Resources

Legal Reference:

§ 20-1-101 (30), MCA Definition Textbook

§ 20-4-402(4), MCA Duties of District Superintendent or County High School Principal

§ 20-7-601- 603, MCA Free Textbook Provision

§ 20-7-602, MCA Textbook Selection and Adoption

§ 20-7-603, MCA Textbooks Obtained from Licensed Textbook Dealer

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