

Missoula County Public Schools

Instruction 2311

Selection and Adoption of Instructional Materials

The provision of appropriate instructional materials 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.

The Superintendent shall establish procedures for the selection of instructional materials.

The Board must approve and provide the necessary instructional materials used in the delivery of curriculum. Core instructional materials shall be selected by the Superintendent, or designee, and adopted by the Board prior to their use. The piloting of programs or materials may be authorized by the Superintendent for a period of no more than one school year prior to Board adoption. Materials approved for pilot programs shall be restricted to specified classes.

Adopted materials 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 materials 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 materials.

Legal Reference:

§ 20-4-402(4), MCADuties 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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