

# Oneida Board of Education

Monitoring:  Review: Annually, in November	Descriptor Term:  <h2 style="margin: 0;">Selection of Instructional Materials (Other than Textbooks)</h2>	Descriptor Code: 4.402  Rescinds: IFAB	Issued Date: 11/06/03  Issued: 08/06/92
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The Board will seek to provide a wide range of instructional materials<sup>1</sup> on all levels of difficulty, with diversity of appeal, and the presentation of different points of view and will provide procedures for review and reconsideration of allegedly inappropriate instructional materials.

### OBJECTIVES OF SELECTION

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

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

### RESPONSIBILITY FOR MATERIALS SELECTION

The responsibility for selection of instructional materials is delegated to the professionally trained personnel employed by the school system.

Selection of materials involves many people, including library media specialists, teachers, students, principals, administrators, and community persons. The responsibility for coordinating the selection and making the recommendations for purchase rests with the professionally trained media personnel.

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

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

Cross Reference:  
 Controversial Materials 4.801