

SUPPLEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The Board of Education encourages teachers to use supplementary instructional materials which are relevant to curricular objectives and compatible with District goals and objectives. By using such materials, teachers can introduce content and instructional strategies that enrich the curriculum, enhance learning, help students make critical judgments, and stimulate their intellectual growth.

Teachers shall carefully preview all supplementary instructional materials, including films, in order to ensure that, in their professional judgment, the materials are:

1. Directly related to the course of study in which they are being used
2. Appropriate for students' ages and maturity levels

Supplementary instructional materials must also be consistent with criteria developed for the selection and evaluation of other instructional materials. If the teacher believes that the materials may be in conflict with District criteria, the teacher shall confer with the principal or designee before using them.

(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

When using supplementary materials, teachers shall provide appropriate introductory and follow-up activities. In addition, teachers shall ensure that supplementary materials do not supplant the use of basic texts or teaching activities.

All materials must be used within legal copyright limits.

(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)

Visual Media

When a teacher desires to show a film that has not been approved by the District or county for use in the grade level taught, the teacher shall preview the film to determine whether in his/her professional judgment it is consistent with District criteria for the selection of instructional materials. All films must be appropriate for the curriculum and the students' ages. Parental permission is required when showing other than a "G" rated film to elementary level or "PG-13" for seventh grade and above with the Department Head approval.

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If the teacher has any questions about how established District criteria apply to the film, he/she shall confer with the principal or designee before showing the film.

(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)
(cf. 6142.1 - Family Life/Sex Education)
(cf. 6144 - Controversial Issues)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

233.5 Duty re instruction in morals, manners and citizenship
18111 Exclusion of books by governing board
51510 Prohibited study or supplemental materials
51511 Religious matters properly included
51550 Sex education materials
60010 Definitions

COURT DECISIONS

McCarthy v. Fletcher, (1989) 207 Cal. App. 3d 130