



INSTRUCTION

Selection of Instructional Materials

I. Guidelines

- A. The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) recognizes that instructional materials should effectively support and enrich the educational programs of the school system. Instructional materials are defined as instructional content provided to the student regardless of format, including printed or representational, audiovisual, and digital materials. The process of evaluating and selecting instructional materials advances the school system's mission to provide a quality education that develops the content knowledge, skills, and attitudes that will enable all students to reach their maximum potential as life-long learners, and productive citizens in a global community.
- B. Selection of instructional materials requires the establishment of standards of quality, criteria, and protocols to ensure that the materials for teaching and learning support the curriculum and meet the diverse needs of students and federal and state laws.

Legal References: 29 U.S.C. § 794 (d) Section 508 Rehabilitation Act of 1973  
20 U.S.C. § 1401 Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement  
*Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article*  
§ 5-112, *Bids*  
§ 7-106, *Textbooks, Materials of Instruction, and Supplies*  
§ 7-910, *Equivalent access for students with disabilities*  
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13A.04.05.03, *Programs*  
13A.04.05.04, *Goals*  
13A.04.05.05, *Criteria for Instructional Resources*  
13A.04.18.03, *Requirements for Comprehensive Health Education Instructional Programs for Grades K-12*  
13A.04.18.04, *HIV/AIDS Prevention Education*  
13A.05.01.08, *Individualized Education Program (IEP)*

*Team Responsibilities*

13A.05.04.01, *Public School Library Programs*

13A.06.05.01.01, *Textbooks*

13A.09.09.07.07, *Educational Program*

13A.09.10.13, *Educational Program-Instructional  
Materials and Equipment/Library Media Collection*

Related Policies: Board of Education Policy 3209, *Purchasing Principles* Board of  
Education Policy 3210, *Purchasing Guides*  
Board of Education Policy 3220, *Inventories*  
Board of Education Policy 6102, *Teaching Controversial Issues*  
Board of Education Policy 6202, *Telecommunications Access to  
Electronic Networks*  
Board of Education Policy 8362, *Gifts*

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