

Instructional Materials

The Board believes proper care and judgment should be exercised in selecting core and supplemental instructional materials and library materials in school and classroom libraries.

Any person responsible for the adoption of textbooks or the approval of instructional materials may not prohibit the use of, or refuse to approve the use of, textbooks or instructional materials on the basis that the textbooks or instructional materials include a perspective, study or story of, or are created by, any individual or group identified in ORS 337.260(1)(a)-(e).

Any person responsible for the selection or retention of library materials may not prohibit the selection or retention of, or refuse to select or retain, library materials on the basis that the library materials include a perspective, study or story of, or are created by any individual or group against whom discrimination is prohibited under ORS 659.850.

A material involved with a reconsideration request will remain available throughout the reconsideration process. Materials will not be removed for discriminatory reasons. A request for reconsideration of materials may be processed through established procedures found in accompanying administrative regulations. Meetings of reconsideration committees may be subject to Public Meetings Law. Records regarding reconsideration procedures are subject to Public Records Law.

This policy is not intended to cover classroom activities. Complaints regarding classroom activities unrelated to materials can be filed using other established district complaint procedures.

The term “instructional material” includes core instructional materials, supplemental materials, and library materials made available in classroom or school libraries as defined below.

Some materials may fall into more than one of the following categories. If there is a question regarding selection or reconsideration, the district administration may select which procedure to use.

Definitions

“Core instructional material,”¹ sometimes referred to as basal, means any organized system, which constitutes the major instructional vehicle for a given course of study, or any part thereof. Core instructional materials may include adaptive or personalized learning programs, digital textbooks, and print textbooks and are adopted and paid for by the district. Core instructional materials may include such instructional materials as a hardbound or a softbound book or books or sets or kits of print and non-print materials, including electronic and internet or web-based materials or media.

“Supplemental instructional materials” means instructional materials used as part of the course of study, which are not part of the core instructional materials. They contain materials to supplement and/or differentiate core instruction and are generally teacher selected. These materials are not adopted by the Board. Materials required or assigned to be used as part of a class may be considered supplemental instructional materials, regardless of the source or location of the material.

¹ This comes from OAR 581-011-0050(1), referring to instructional materials which must be adopted by local school boards.

“Library materials” includes educational or literary materials that are nonfiction or fiction and that are available in print or an electronic format. “Library materials” does not include textbooks or instructional materials that are selected under ORS 337.120, 337.141 or 337.260.

“School library” means any collection of library materials made available to students at school, either at a central location of the school, at a common area for one or more grades of the school, or through an online remote education program. The use of these materials may not be required for a particular class, but they may be selected by students to use. These materials are not adopted by the Board.

“Classroom library materials” means any collection of library materials made available to students in a single classroom or a common area accessible by two or more classrooms in district schools. The use of these materials is not required for the class, but they may be selected by students to use. These materials are not adopted by the Board.

Core Instructional Materials

The Board retains the authority to approve core instructional materials used in district schools and authorizes the superintendent or designee to develop and implement administrative regulations governing selection and adoption of such materials. Procedures will provide for involvement of administrators, staff, parents, students, and community members; will use established selection criteria to contribute to the attainment of district, program, and course or grade-level goals; and will reflect recent knowledge, trends, and technology in the field.

The district will review core instructional materials in accordance with the State Board of Education adoption cycle. Each core instructional program and its instructional materials will be reviewed, and any resulting recommendations will be issued by district administration to the Board for approval. All recommended core instructional materials shall be approved by the Board prior to use. The adoption of textbooks by the Board and any committee shall be done in a manner compliant with ORS 337.260. The district will establish a process and timeline for regularly determining and considering whether core instructional materials are available through online resources that enable students with print disabilities to receive textbooks and instructional materials free of charge.

The district may choose to independently adopt core instructional materials which are not on the state-approved list, using state-approved selection criteria. (See administrative regulation IIA-AR(6) – Independent Adoption of Core Instructional Materials)

Supplemental Instructional Materials

All supplemental instructional materials will be selected by teachers, principals, librarians, and/or others, as determined appropriate which may not be through any formal selection procedure. Decisions regarding the use of, or refusal to approve the use of, supplemental instructional materials shall be made in a manner compliant with ORS 337.260. Such materials will contain suitable readability levels and support the district’s adopted curriculum content. Materials will be used for their intended audience.

School Library Materials

All school library materials will be selected by a librarian using established selection criteria. The selection or retention of library materials in a school library shall be made in a manner compliant with Section 2 of Senate Bill 1098 (2025). Such materials will contain suitable readability levels.

Classroom Library Materials

All classroom library materials will be selected by a classroom teacher and/or others, with no formal selection procedure. The selection or retention of library materials in a classroom library shall be made in a manner compliant with Section 2 of Senate Bill 1098 (2025). Such materials will contain suitable readability levels. Teachers are responsible for knowing the available materials in their classroom library.

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 174.100	ORS 337.150	OAR 581-021-0046
ORS 332.107	ORS 337.260	OAR 581-022-2310
ORS 336.035	ORS 337.511	OAR 581-022-2340
ORS 336.082	ORS 339.155	OAR 581-022-2350
ORS 336.840	ORS 659.850	OAR 581-022-2355
ORS 337.120	OAR 581-011-0050 - 581-011-0117	
ORS 337.141	OAR 581-021-0045	

Every Student Succeeds Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6311-6322 (2024).
Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (2024); 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.101-42.106 (2024).
Title IX of the Education Amendments, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683, 1701, 1703-1705, 1720 (2024);
Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2020).
Americans with Disabilities Act/Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12133 (2024); 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2024); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2024).
Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107 (2024).
Senate Bill 1098 (2025).

Cross Reference(s):

- IIA-AR(1) - Instructional Materials
- IIA-AR(2) - Reconsideration of Core Instructional Materials
- IIA-AR(3) - Reconsideration of Supplemental Instructional Materials
- IIA-AR(4) - Reconsideration of Library Materials in a School or Classroom Library
- IIA-AR(5) - Request for Reconsideration of Instructional or Library Materials Form
- IIA-AR(6) - Independent Adoption of Core Instructional Materials
- INB - Studying Controversial Issues
- KH - Public Gifts to the District
- KL - Public Complaints
- KL-AR(1) - Public Complaint Procedure
- KL-AR(2) - Appeal to the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction