

## **BARNSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT Instructional Materials**

The Board is responsible for approving and providing instructional materials used in the District. Instructional materials will be selected based on their ability to provide quality learning experiences for students in that they:

- Enrich and support the curriculum;
- Stimulate growth in knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic value, and ethical standards;
- Provide background information to enable students to make intelligent judgments;
- Present opposing sides of controversial issues;
- Represent the many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups that contribute to our American heritage;
- Depict in an accurate and unbiased way the cultural diversity and pluralistic nature of the American society; and
- Match the appropriate skill levels of pupils.

Administrators and teachers may select instructional materials from a variety of media, including, but not limited to, books, online/internet materials, equipment, newspapers, other media, and instructional technologies. Selection of such materials should be made only after a determination that such materials are age appropriate, provide quality learning experiences, and fit within the district's educational goals and philosophies.

Basic instructional course material in the fundamental skill areas of language arts, mathematics, science and social studies shall be reviewed at intervals not exceeding five (5) years. Instructional materials must be sequential, and must be compatible with previous and future offerings.

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