

Equipment/Books/Materials: Provision/Selection**General**

The EASTCONN Board of Directors shall provide educational materials and equipment that support and enrich the curriculum and further the achievement of the school system's instructional goals.

Adoption of new textbooks shall require a two-thirds vote of all the members of the EASTCONN Board of Directors, notice of such intended change having been previously given at a meeting at least one week prior to the vote. Textbooks shall be defined as the primary or basic reading for students in a particular subject and student section in a semester or during the entire school year; supplemental and reference books shall not be considered to be textbooks.

Selection

Basic textbooks will be continuously reviewed to keep up with the expansion of knowledge and rapid changes in the world and to present balanced views on international, national, and local issues and problems of the past, present, and future. Textbooks should further:

1. provide materials to stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic and ethical value;
2. provide materials to help students develop abilities in critical reading and thinking;
3. provide materials to help develop and foster an appreciation of cultural diversity and development in the United States and throughout the world;
4. provide for all students an effective basic education that does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or disabilities;
5. allow sufficient flexibility for meeting the special needs of individual students and groups of students.

Any textbook or learning material that will serve the function of a textbook must be processed through the Agency primary learning material adoption procedure and formally adopted by the EASTCONN Board of Directors . This applies to a textbook or material that will be used as a primary learning tool on an ongoing basis with the majority of students in a class, course, or learning group within a class.

Primary learning materials are textbooks, paperback books, audiovisual kits, or other instructional materials which are:

- used for the duration of a course or school year; the majority of assignments are derived from such material.
- used by all students in a class, course, or learning group within a class.

The administration will develop and maintain a procedure for selecting materials which meets the aforementioned criteria. Such procedure shall include the opportunity for professional staff to analyze, evaluate, and recommend primary learning materials for adoption.

Instructional Materials

Basic textbooks, instructional materials, and equipment shall be furnished by the EASTCONN Board of Directors for all EASTCONN students with the following exceptions:

1. Individual project materials to be used in the industrial arts, homemaking, and art courses.
2. Materials to be used for special projects not required for credit in a course.
3. Personal clothing items worn for physical education and other in-school athletic activities.

The administration will develop rules for textbook selection which meet the above criteria, including:

1. analysis, evaluation, and recommendation by professional staff.
2. the opportunity for interested citizens in EASTCONN to review recommended textbooks.

According to state law, the EASTCONN Board of Directors will make final textbook selections.

(cf. [1220](#) Citizens' Ad Hoc Advisory Committees)

(cf. [1312](#) Public Complaints)

(cf. [4118.21](#) Academic Freedom)

(cf. [5145.2](#) Freedom of Speech/Expression)

(cf. [6144](#) Controversial Issues)

Legal Reference Connecticut General Statutes

[10-221](#) Boards of Education to prescribe rules.

[10-222a](#) Boards to have use of funds derived from repayment for school materials.

[10-228](#) Free textbooks, supplies, materials and equipment.

[10-229](#) Change of textbooks.

President's Council, Agency 25 v. Community School Board no. 25, 457 F.2d 289 (1972), cert. denied 409 U.S.C. 998 (Nov. 1972)

Minarcini v. Strongsville City School Agency, 541 F.2d 577 (6th Cir. 1976).

Island Trees Union Free School Agency Board of Directors v. Pico, 457 US 853 (1982).

Academic Freedom Policy (adopted by Connecticut State Board of Directors , 9/9/81)

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