

TEXTBOOK SELECTION AND ADOPTION

The principal at each school, subject to the direction of the superintendent, shall, at the expense of the school district, purchase textbooks...(MGL Chapter 71, Section 48)

The selection of new texts should be a collaborative effort. For the purpose of this policy texts will be defined as hardbound text as well as digital text. While the ultimate decision rests with each building principal, purchasing decisions must satisfy district curriculum initiatives, as well as state curriculum frameworks. It is required that each building principal consult with his/her staff, as well as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction before purchasing new texts.

Principles that apply generally to the selection of instructional materials and library materials shall apply to texts. Additionally, basic texts support materials shall be chosen:

- To advance the educational objectives of the school system, state curriculum frameworks, and particular objectives of the course or program.
- To contribute toward continuity, integration and articulation of the curriculum.
- To establish a general framework for the particular course or program

Although many points must be examined in selecting appropriate texts, the Wareham School Committee directs the staff to be mindful that the texts:

- Address the diverse learning styles of students
- Are void of all bias and stereotypes
- Include the multiple perspective of social issues
- Include and promote higher level thinking skills
- Include online or digital access and support

The expectation should be that the adopted texts will be used for several years. In selecting texts, special attention should be given to the physical characteristics, durability, format and price of the text.

An effort will be made to pilot new texts before implementing full adoption.

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