

DARTMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE POLICIES

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TEXTBOOK SELECTION AND ADOPTION (Print and Digital)

Textbooks and programs are selected by the District to implement, enrich, and support the educational program for the student. Materials must serve both the breadth of curriculum and the needs and interests of individual students. The District strives to provide for a wide range of abilities and to respect the diversity of many differing points of view. To this end, principles must be placed above personal opinion and reason above prejudice in the selection of materials of the highest qualities and appropriateness. All curriculum materials must have intellectual merit and be free of simplistic and demeaning generalizations as well as bias, discrimination, and stereotyping on the basis of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability or homelessness.

Responsibility for the review and selection of textbooks to be purchased shall rest with the District. The District is encouraged through the School Committee to establish a review committee to assist in the process to determine the textbooks that best meet the curriculum guidelines of the District. The review committee should include teachers who will use the texts and other staff members as found desirable. Students and parents will be encouraged to serve.

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

- To advance the educational objectives of the school system and particular objectives of the course program;
- To reflect current Curriculum Frameworks and Standards;
- To contribute toward continuity, integration, and articulation of the curriculum; and
- To establish a general framework for the particular course or program.

Because the instructional purposes of textbooks, as stated above, are of such importance, particular care shall be taken in their selection as to content.

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