

The District shall provide a wide range of quality learning resources for students to deliver, support, enrich, and assist in implementing the District's educational program. Learning resources shall be defined as textbooks, library acquisitions and ancillary materials for classroom use, and any other resources used for formal or informal teaching and learning purposes. Learning resources may be print or non-print and may be acquired through purchase, as gifts, or as loans.

#### Criteria for Selection of Learning Resources

Learning resources shall be selected to help schools meet curricular, instructional, and assessment objectives. The selections shall also be based on long-range plans, existing collections of materials, and the availability of other resources.

The following criteria shall be considered in the selection of learning resources:

1. Contribution that the resource makes to the curriculum and to the interests of the students.
2. Favorable reviews found in reputable professionally prepared sources.
3. Favorable recommendations based on preview and/or examination of materials by District certified staff.
4. Reputation and significance of the author, producer, and/or publisher.
5. Contribution that the resource makes to the breadth and depth of representative viewpoints on controversial issues.
6. Potential user appeal.
7. Artistic quality and/or literary style.
8. Quality and variety in format, content, and production.
9. Overall strengths despite some weaknesses.
10. Value commensurate with cost and/or need.
11. Timeliness or permanence.
12. Appropriateness of the resource for the age, emotional development, ability level, learning style, and social development of the students.
13. Appropriateness of the resource for the circumstances of use.
14. Integrity and accuracy of the content.

Conflict of Interest

A person shall be deemed to have a conflict of interest when the person's personal or financial interests may influence, or appear to others to influence, the person's ability to review learning resources objectively or to otherwise participate in the review process.

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LEGAL REFERENCE: It is the intent of the District to adhere to the provisions of copyright laws in the areas of instructional materials and technology software programs.