

HOPKINTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND TEXTBOOK
SELECTION AND ADOPTION**

The principal at each school will purchase instructional materials and textbooks for each student and teacher that are appropriate matches for the content area and grade level curriculum and are in conformance with district guidelines. These will be provided at the expense of the school district.

Administrators will work with teachers to select materials and textbooks that meet the criteria in this policy. The materials and textbooks must:

1. support the district curriculum by developing understanding, knowledge, and skills for the units, grade level, and/or course for which the materials are being selected,
2. present a balanced, unbiased view of issues and problems and encourage the examination of different points of view,
3. support the development of critical thinking and reading skills,
4. demonstrate respect for human and civil rights,
5. avoid stereotypes, demeaning generalizations, or discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, sex, religion, national origin, or sexual preference,
6. allow sufficient flexibility for teachers to differentiate for students' varying learning needs, and
7. in the case of textbooks or other substantive instructional materials (i.e., not online resources), be durable enough to be used over an appropriate span of time.

The school district is responsible for providing accessible instructional materials to students with disabilities as required by their Individual Education Plans (IEP) or Section 504 plans.

If the School Committee so votes, students may purchase any textbooks which are or have been used by them in the schools.

A vote of two-thirds of the whole School Committee is required before purchasing a textbook program. Purchases of textbooks and other instructional materials must comply with M.G.L.Chapter 30B and purchasing guidelines from the district's business office.

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Legal References	M.G.L. 71:48; 71:49; 71:50; 30B:7, 603 CMR 26:05 Individuals with Disabilities Education

	<p>Improvement Act of 2004. Part B, Sec. 612(a)(23)(B) and Sec. 613(a)(6)(B)</p> <p>34 CFR 300.172</p> <p>36 CFR 701.10</p> <p>National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard (NIMAS)</p>
Policy Cross Reference	IGD: Curriculum Development and Adoption
Procedure Reference	