INSTRUCTION

Materials: Selection and Adoption

The Prince William County School Board requires that the selection of instructional materials shall be related to the Virginia Standards of Learning, the approved curriculum and to the goals and objectives approved by the Prince William County School Board. Guidelines shall be developed to include the definition of “instructional materials,” the criteria by which materials are to be selected, the materials to be considered most critical, the degree to which material selection is to be related to student achievement, and the selection process for materials.

The Prince William County School Board shall approve a wide range of instructional materials which support the instructional goals of the school system and which are sensitive to issues of race, gender, cultural differences, and differing points of view.

The Prince William County School Board recognizes the importance of involvement of its various constituents (administrators, teachers, library media specialists, parents, citizens, and students) in the selection and approval of appropriate materials.

The responsibility for coordinating the selection of materials is delegated to the Superintendent or the Superintendent’s designee. The staff shall develop and implement a systematic selection procedure and shall make information concerning this procedure available to the staff and public. The procedure shall include a process for handling challenged controversial materials in accordance with Policies 653.03 on Teaching of Controversial Issues and 633.01 on Academic Freedom.

The approval of instructional materials which are of a sensitive or controversial nature is the responsibility of the Prince William County School Board.

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