

POLICY

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

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Responsible Office: DIVISION OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

MATERIALS OF INSTRUCTION – REVIEW, EVALUATION, AND SELECTION

A. PURPOSE

To provide guidance on the review, evaluation, and selection of materials of instruction, including primary materials of instruction, supplemental materials of instruction, classroom materials, library media materials, and electronic resources that support curriculum in accordance with State and federal laws.

B. ISSUE

The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County (Board) intends that materials of instruction provide content that is appropriate, engaging, multicultural, and challenging for all students.

C. POSITION

1. Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) shall provide all students access to programs and courses that are both academically rigorous and relevant to their lives, as well as a learning experience to enhance educational pursuits and future career success to help students compete in an evolving global society.
2. Materials of instruction shall be reviewed, evaluated, and selected by AACPS staff to ensure they are appropriate, engaging, multicultural, and challenging for all students.
3. The review, evaluation, and selection of materials of instruction shall be governed by procedures established by AACPS and in accordance with the *Review and Evaluation of Materials of Instruction Manual*.
4. The review, evaluation, and selection of all materials of instruction shall be the responsibility of content coordinators, in collaboration with school content leaders appointed by the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction or the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction's designee.
5. In accordance with the Code of Maryland Regulations, AACPS shall adopt

procedures for the selection and purchase of materials of instruction which provide a multicultural education and assist students in demonstrating an understanding of and appreciation for cultural groups in the United States.

6. In accordance with § 7-106 of the Education Article, AACPS shall adopt procedures for the selection and purchase of materials of instruction, including but not limited to, textbooks, primary materials of instruction, supplemental materials of instruction, electronic resources, and materials concerning African American history.
7. Copyright, Fair Use, Privacy, and Terms of Use laws and guidelines shall be followed with respect to all approved materials of instruction.

D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

Policy History: Adopted on 09/06/17

Note Previous Policy History: Replaces Policies 607, 607.01, and 607.02; adopted 05/20/91 and revised 01/08/97; Replaces Policies IHA and IHB, rescinded on 09/06/17