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## 2530 RESOURCE MATERIALS

The Board of Education shall provide resource materials to implement the school district's and school educational goals and objectives to meet as student needs dietate and as district resources permit. Resource Such materials include, but are not limited to, reference materials books; fiction and nonfiction books; maps; audio and audio-visual materials; pamphlets; periodicals; pictures; online references; other supplementary titles; maps, library print and non-print materials, and other sources of information for use by students that are not designated as textbooks. Resource materials are not library material as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:34A-3 and Policy and Regulation 2535.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for the selection and maintenance of all resource materials., in accordance with the following standards:

- 1. Material will be suited to the varied interests, abilities, reading levels, and maturation levels of the students to be served;
- 2. Wherever possible, materials will provide major opposing views on controversial issues so that students may develop under guidance the practice of critical reading and thinking;
- 3. Wherever possible, materials will represent the many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups and their contribution to American heritage;
- 4. Materials will be factually accurate and of genuine literary or artistic value;
- 5. Materials will be of a quality and durability appropriate to their intended uses and longevity;
- 6. Materials will relate to, support, and enrich the courses of study adopted by the Board.



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The Superintendent will develop regulations for the selection of resource materials **pursuant to Regulation 2530** that provide for the effective consultation of teaching staff members at all appropriate levels,; ensure that the Board's budgetary allotment for resource materials is efficiently spent and **appropriately** wisely distributed throughout the instructional program and the district,; and ensure an inventory of resource materials that is well balanced and well rounded in coverage of subject, types of materials, and variety of content.

The Superintendent will evaluate the continuing effectiveness and utility of resource materials and recommend to the Board the removal of resource those materials that no longer meet the standards set forth in **Regulation 2530 and** this **Ppolicy**. Any request by an individual for the removal of resource materials will be governed by Policy and Regulation 9130 on public complaints.

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