**INSTRUCTION**

Goals and Principles

The success of the Kennewick School District in meeting the educational needs of the students depends to a great extent upon the quality and variety of instructional materials available for classroom use. Instructional materials in the Kennewick Public Schools shall be selected to ensure highest quality bias-free materials, to maintain continuity in the instructional program, to provide effective basic materials for all students, and to promote flexibility to meet the needs of individuals and small groups of students. Every effort shall be made to provide appropriate textbooks, reference materials, library books, periodicals, audio visual materials, computer software, and other resources essential to an effective instructional program.

In compliance with RCW 28A.320.230, the Kennewick School District shall be guided by the following goals and principles in the selection and adoption of instructional materials.

1. Instructional materials shall enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied instructional needs, abilities, interests, and maturity levels of the students served.

2. Instructional materials shall stimulate student growth in factual knowledge, conceptual thinking, psychomotor skills, physical fitness, literary appreciation, and aesthetic values.

3. Instructional materials shall be of sufficient variety so as to present opposing views of controversial issues in order that the students, as young citizens, may develop the skills of critical analysis and informed decision-making.

4. Instructional materials shall contribute to the development of an understanding of the ethnic, cultural, and occupational diversity of life.

5. Instructional materials, free of sex/race bias, will be selected except where classical works reflecting bias or discrimination are deemed educationally advisable to broaden students' understanding of the world around us.

Instructional materials include textbooks, supplemental materials, library books, packaged courses or units, programmed learning kits, telecourses, audio/visual materials and other basic resources for learning. The above criteria shall be adhered to in the selection of all instructional materials.

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| Legal Reference: | RCW | 28A.320.230 | Instructional Materials |
| | | 28A.640.020 | Regulations, Guidelines to Eliminate Discrimination |

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