109. RESOURCE MATERIALS

1. Purpose
   SC 801, 803
   Title 22
   Sec. 4.13

   The Board shall provide instructional and evaluative materials to implement and support the district's educational goals and academic standards.

2. Definition
   
   **Resource materials** shall include reference books, supplementary titles, multimedia materials, maps, library books, software and instructional material.

3. Delegation of Responsibility
   SC 803

   Resource materials include library books, periodicals and newspapers, audiovisual materials, computer software, classroom reference books, maps, tests, and all other instructional materials not included in the category of basic and supplementary textbooks. Resource materials that have been recommended by the professional staff to support the educational programs of the school district, that have been approved by the Superintendent or a designee, and that have been included in budget adopted by the Board of School Directors will be purchased by the school district in accordance with procedures for the expenditure of public funds.

   The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement selection procedures for resource materials.

4. Guidelines

   Selection procedures shall be developed that:

   1. Appoint appropriate administrative and instructional staff to select resource materials.

   2. Inform the Superintendent of their choices subject to the approval of the Superintendent.

   3. Ensure that the Board's budgetary allotment for resource materials is spent efficiently and distributed prudently throughout the instructional program.

   4. Ensure an inventory of resource materials that is well-balanced and well-rounded in coverage of subject, types of materials, and variety of content.
5. Evaluate the effectiveness of resource materials presently in use.

Resource materials shall be selected in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. Materials shall be suited to the varied interests, abilities, reading levels, and maturation levels of the students to be served.

2. Wherever possible, materials shall be selected to provide opposing views on controversial issues so that students may develop critical reading and thinking skills.

3. Materials shall be factually accurate and of educational value.

4. Materials shall be of a quality and durability appropriate to their intended use and longevity.

Pol. 106

5. Materials shall relate to, support, and enrich the courses of study adopted by the Board.

Pol. 105.1

A listing of all resource materials shall be made available for the information of and review by the members of the professional staff, Board members, students and parents, and members of the community.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 801, 803

School Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4

Board Policy – 000, 105.1, 106, 107, 815