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Text and Material Selection

The board is legally responsible for all textbooks and other educational materials used in the school system. It should be board policy to provide educational materials and equipment that support and enrich the curriculum and help achieve district instructional goals.

The board delegates responsibility for selection of educational materials to professionally trained personnel within the school system according to procedures established by the superintendent, subject to official board adoption of textbooks and the board's policy on challenged materials.

Bidding procedures prescribed for most school contracts (NDCC 15.1-09-34) do not apply to textbooks and reference books. This means that once the selection of a particular title is made, books can be purchased without going through the bidding procedure.

Additional questions about selection and purchase of textbooks should be directed to the Department of Public Instruction.