

Santa Barbara Unified School District

Board Policy

BP 6161.11

Instruction

SUPPLEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The Governing Board encourages teachers to use supplementary instructional materials which are relevant to curriculum objectives and compatible with district goals and objectives. By using such materials, teachers can introduce content and instructional strategies that enrich the curriculum, enhance learning, help students make critical judgments, and stimulate their intellectual growth.

Supplemental instructional materials must be California Standards aligned and State Board of Education approved, or Governing Board approved.

Teachers shall carefully preview all supplementary instructional materials in order to ensure that, in their professional judgment, the materials are:

1. Directly related to the course of study in which they are being used
2. Appropriate for students' ages and maturity levels

Supplementary instructional materials must also be consistent with criteria developed for the selection and evaluation of other instructional materials. If the teacher believes that the materials may be in conflict with district criteria, the teacher shall confer with the principal or designee before using them.

(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

When using supplementary materials, teachers shall provide appropriate introductory and follow-up activities. In addition, teachers shall ensure that supplementary materials do not supplant the use of basic texts or teaching activities.

All materials must be used within legal copyright limits.

(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)

Visual Media

When a teacher desires to use visual media, the teacher shall preview the material to determine whether in his/her professional judgment it is consistent with district criteria for the selection of instructional materials. All visual media must be appropriate for the curriculum and the students' ages using the following guidelines:

- Elementary: “G” Rated
- Junior High: “G” and “PG” Rated
- Senior High: “G”, “PG”, and “PG13” Rated

When a teacher desires to show a portion or “clip” of a video, film, movie or other visual media that does not meet these rating guidelines, parents shall be notified and students given the option to not participate in viewing the material. An alternative supervised activity shall be provided for students not participating.

(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)
(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)
(cf. 6144 - Controversial Issues)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

233.5 *Duty re instruction in morals, manners and citizenship*
18111 *Exclusion of books by governing board*
51510 *Prohibited study or supplemental materials*
51511 *Religious matters properly included*
51933 *Sex education materials*
60010 *Definitions*

COURT DECISIONS

McCarthy v. Fletcher, (1989) 207 Cal. App. 3d 130

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