

INSTRUCTION

Supplementary Instructional Materials

In accordance with Board Policy 6220, Superintendent Policy 6220 establishes the procedures for review, evaluation and selection of library books and audio-visual materials.

The Superintendent encourages teachers to use supplementary instructional materials, including films, which are relevant to curriculum objectives and compatible with the El Dorado County Office of Education's goal 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 intellectual growth.

Teachers are expected to use their professional judgment regarding the selection and use of such materials in their classes; however, principals and Programs managers shall maintain site level authority regarding the selection and use of such materials, and Executive Directors shall maintain final authority with regard to the use of all curricular materials, subject to Board and Superintendent goals, objectives, and policies.

Teachers shall carefully preview all supplementary instructional materials in order to ensure that, in their professional judgment, 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 the criteria developed for the selection and evaluation of other instructional materials. If the teacher believes that the materials may be in conflict with established criteria, the teacher shall confer with the site administrator before using them.

When using supplementary materials, the teacher shall provide appropriate introductory and follow-up activities. In addition, teachers shall ensure that supplementary materials do not supplant the use of core texts or teaching activities (e.g., showing an entire movie in lieu of only using educationally relevant segments).

All materials used must be used within legal copyright limits.

Under no circumstances may a teacher use films that have an 'R' rating, as rated by the film industry.

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