

FAIRFIELD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SELECTION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL

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5480.1 Student's Right to Access

The Board though it is finally responsible for all educational material purchases, recognizes the student's right to free access to many different types of books and other materials. The Board also recognizes the right of teachers and administrators to select books and other materials in accord with current trends in education and to make them available in the schools. The Board requires that all such material be selected utilizing the procedures defined herein.

5480.2 Approval of Educational Material

The final decision concerning the disposition of educational materials shall rest with the Board and the Superintendent in accordance with procedure outlined in the Pennsylvania School Code after careful examination and discussion of the book or other materials with school officials or anyone else the Board may wish to involve.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for the recommendation of textbooks and educational materials for Board consideration. No adoption or change of textbook or materials shall be made without his/her recommendation except by a two-thirds vote of the Board.

5480.3 Parental Rights

All textbooks are approved by the Board following submission by the appropriate level administrator. No parent or group of parents has the right to determine the reading matter for students other than their own children. The Board does, however, recognize the right of an individual parent to request that his/her child not have to read a given book provided written request is made to the appropriate building principal.

5480.4 Selection Process

All educational materials shall be selected in accordance with the procedure as follows:

5480.4a All new textbook and instructional material selection recommendations are made by the teachers, committee, or team using specific evaluation criteria at the elementary, and secondary school levels.

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- 5480.4b The appropriate Principal shall review with the teachers, committee, or team their recommendation and prepare together a final recommendation to the Superintendent.
- 5480.4c All textbooks are approved by the School Board following submission by the appropriate level administrator.