

Clatskanie School District 6J

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Instructional Resources/Instructional Materials

(Version 1)

The Board is responsible for the selection of instructional materials. The Board delegates to district professional personnel the authority for the selection of instructional and library media materials in accordance with the policy below.

Selection Objectives

When reviewing and selecting instructional materials, the objectives will be:

1. To select materials that will provide improvements in content, organization and teaching methods;
2. To ensure accurate and up-to-date content that includes new concepts, insights and facts;
3. To provide for sequential growth from level to level;
4. To provide a fair representation of the many religious, ethnic and cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritage;
5. To provide recognition of minority groups and women by placing them frequently in positions of leadership and example. There will be no discrimination or bias or prejudice toward sex, race, religion, national origin, marital status, disability or age.

The district will establish a process and timeline for regularly determining and considering whether the textbooks and other instructional materials are available through online resources that enable students with print disabilities to receive textbooks and instructional materials free of charge.

Textbooks and other instructional materials adopted by the Board shall be selected by the appropriate professional personnel in consultation with parents and citizens. The input of staff and students will be encouraged. Final decisions on purchase will rest with the superintendent or designee, subject to official adoption by the Board in the case of textbooks and other instructional materials.

Selection Criteria

All materials selected will be consistent with the following principles:

1. Materials that enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities and maturity levels of the students served;
2. Materials that stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values and ethical standards;

3. A background of information which will enable students to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives;
4. Materials on opposing sides of controversial issues, so that young citizens may develop, under guidance, the practice of analytical reading and thinking;
5. Materials representative of the many religious, ethnic and cultural groups, showing their contributions to our heritage.

The above principles will serve as a guide in the selection of all instructional and library media materials.

To be in compliance with the requirements of federal law, the Board directs the superintendent to distribute curriculum materials and instructional supplies to district schools in such a manner that ensures all schools receive equivalent materials.

Any resident or employee may challenge the appropriateness of the district's instructional materials. The district will provide a procedure to process such challenges.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 174.100](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 336.035](#)
[ORS 336.082](#)
[ORS 336.840](#)
[ORS 337.120](#)
[ORS 337.141](#)

[ORS 337.150](#)
[ORS 337.260](#)
[ORS 337.511](#)
[ORS 339.155](#)
[ORS 659.850](#)
[OAR 581-011-0050 - 0117](#)

[OAR 581-021-0045](#)
[OAR 581-021-0046](#)
[OAR 581-022-2310](#)
[OAR 581-022-2340](#)
[OAR 581-022-2350](#)
[OAR 581-022-2355](#)

Every Student Succeeds Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6311-6322 (2018).

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (2018); 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.101-42.106 (2019).

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683, 1701, 1703-1705, 1720 (2018); Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2024).

Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12133 (2018); 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2019); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2019).

Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107 (2018).

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Instructional Materials** (Version 2)

The Board believes proper care and judgment should be exercised in selecting core and supplemental instructional materials and school and classroom library materials, and that those materials should be inclusive of populations represented in a global society. The process to select materials will reflect respect for all people, regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability.

A material involved with a reconsideration will remain available throughout the reconsideration process. Materials will not be removed for discriminatory reasons. A request for reconsideration of materials may be processed through established procedures found in accompanying administrative regulations. Meetings of reconsideration committees may be subject to Public Meetings Law. Records regarding reconsideration procedures are subject to Public Records Law.

This policy is not intended to cover classroom activities. Complaints regarding classroom activities unrelated to materials can be filed using other established district complaint procedures.

The term “instructional material” includes core instructional materials, supplemental materials, school library materials, and classroom library materials.

Some materials may fall into more than one of the following categories. If there is a question regarding selection or reconsideration, the district administration may select which procedure to use.

Definitions

“Core instructional material,”¹ sometimes referred to as basal, means any organized system, which constitutes the major instructional vehicle for a given course of study, or any part thereof. Core instructional materials may include adaptive or personalized learning programs, digital textbooks, and print textbooks and are adopted and paid for by the district. Core instructional materials may include such instructional materials as a hardbound or a softbound book or books, or sets or kits of print and non-print materials, including electronic and internet or web-based materials or media.

“Supplemental instructional materials” means instructional materials used as part of the course of study, which are not part of the core instructional materials. They contain materials to supplement and/or differentiate core instruction and are generally teacher selected. These materials are not adopted by the Board. Materials required or assigned to be used as part of a class may be considered supplemental instructional materials, regardless of the source or location of the material.

“School library materials” means materials which are kept in the school library for student selection and use. The use of these materials may not be required for a particular class, but they may be selected by

¹ This comes from OAR 581-011-0050(1), referring to instructional materials which must be adopted by local school boards.

students to use. These may include books, media, newspapers, magazines, videos, websites, or databases, including in digital or print, etc. These materials are not adopted by the Board.

“Classroom library materials” means materials which are kept in the classroom for student selection and use. The use of these materials is not required for the class, but they may be selected by students to use. These may include books, media, newspapers, magazines, videos, etc. These materials are not adopted by the Board.

Core Instructional Materials

The Board retains the authority to approve core instructional materials used in district schools and authorizes the superintendent or designee to develop and implement administrative regulations governing selection and adoption of such materials. Procedures will provide for involvement of administrators, staff, parents, and community members; will use established selection criteria to contribute to the attainment of district, program, and course or grade-level goals; and will reflect recent knowledge, trends, and technology in the field.

The district will review core instructional materials in accordance with the State Board of Education adoption cycle. Each core instructional program and its instructional materials will be reviewed, and any resulting recommendations will be issued by district administration to the Board for approval. All recommended core instructional materials shall be approved by the Board prior to use. The adoption of textbooks for American history and government by the Board and any committee shall be done in a manner in accordance with ORS 337.260. The district will establish a process and timeline for regularly determining and considering whether core instructional materials are available through online resources that enable students with print disabilities to receive textbooks and instructional materials free of charge. All requests for reconsideration of core instructional materials may be considered under administrative regulation IIA-AR(2) - Reconsideration of Core Instructional Materials.

Supplemental Instructional Materials

All supplemental instructional materials will be selected by teachers, principals, librarians, and/or others, as determined appropriate which may not be through any formal selection procedure. Such materials will contain suitable readability levels and support the district’s adopted curriculum content. Materials will be used for their intended audience. All requests for reconsideration of supplemental instructional materials may be considered under administrative regulation IIA-AR(3) - Reconsideration of Supplemental Instructional Materials.

School Library Materials

All school library materials will be selected by a librarian using established selection criteria. Such materials will contain suitable readability levels. All requests for reconsideration of school library materials may be considered under administrative regulation IIA-AR(4) - Reconsideration of School or Classroom Library Materials.

Classroom Library Materials

All classroom library materials will be selected by a classroom teacher and/or others, with no formal selection procedure. Such materials will contain suitable readability levels. Teachers are responsible for knowing the available materials in their classroom library. All requests for reconsideration of classroom

library materials may be considered under administrative regulation IIA-AR(4) - Reconsideration of School or Classroom Library Materials.

END OF POLICY

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Instructional Materials Selection

(Version 1)

All types of materials for school libraries will be recommended for purchase by the professional personnel of the media center and approved by the superintendent or designee. Consultation may take place with the administration, faculty or parents.

The term “materials” shall include media such as printed materials, films, videos, software, recordings, pictures, etc.

1. The media center is allocated a yearly sum. Building needs are assessed in making purchasing decisions.
2. The district media center coordinator, through cooperation with other professionally trained personnel, will select “materials” to be purchased.
3. The final selection must be approved by the superintendent/designee before the final order is placed.

All materials selected will be consistent with the stated principles of selection which apply to all instructional and media center materials.

Additionally, in maintaining and augmenting media center collections, persons responsible for selection of materials will strive to:

1. Meet the needs of the school based on knowledge of the curriculum and the stated needs of administrators and teachers;
2. Meet the needs of individual students, according to both the stated needs of students and general understanding of students’ interests;
3. Provide materials of artistic and literary quality;
4. Provide a balanced collection with a fair proportion of each type of material selected to meet the needs of the curriculum, the students and professional staff;
5. Provide a wide range of materials with diversity of appeal and different points of view.

To maintain a current and highly usable collection of materials, the media specialist will provide continuing renewal of the collection, not only by addition of up-to-date materials, but by the elimination of materials which no longer meet needs.

Gifts to the media center may be accepted if they meet the criteria established for the selection of all instructional materials.

1. Selection of Instructional Materials

a. Responsibility for Selection of Materials

- (1) The responsibility for the selection of instructional materials is delegated to the superintendent. For the purposes of this regulation the term “instructional materials” includes print and nonprint materials, including electronic and Internet or web-based materials or media (not equipment), whether considered classroom materials or media center materials.
- (2) The responsibility for coordinating the distribution of instructional materials to classes will rest with the superintendent. “Instructional materials” includes print and nonprint material provided in multiple copies for use by a total class or a major segment of such a class.

b. Procedure for Selection

(1) Media

- (a) In purchasing materials for the media center, the librarian under supervision of the building principal will evaluate the existing collection and the curriculum needs and will consult reputable, professionally prepared selection aids and other appropriate sources. For the purpose of this procedure, the term “media” includes all materials considered part of the library collection, plus all nonprint instructional materials housed in resource centers and classrooms.
- (b) Recommendations for purchase will be solicited from staff and students.
- (c) Gift materials shall be judged by the district’s instructional materials objectives and selection criteria and shall be accepted or rejected by those criteria.
- (d) Selection is an ongoing process which should include the removal of materials no longer appropriate and the replacement of lost and worn materials still of educational value.

(2) Instructional Materials

- (a) Instructional materials committees may be appointed if determined by the administration to be appropriate at the time that adoption areas are determined. Appropriate subject area and instruction level will be included in each committee if that procedure is employed.
- (b) The general criteria for materials selection shall be followed by the committees.
- (c) The committee shall present its recommendation(s) to the superintendent.
- (d) The superintendent shall submit the committee’s recommendation(s) to the Board.

2. Objections to Instructional Materials

Any resident of the district may raise objection to instructional materials used in the district’s educational program despite the fact that the individuals selecting such materials were duly qualified to make the selection and followed the proper procedure and observed the criteria for selecting such material.

- a. The district official or staff member receiving a complaint regarding instructional materials shall try to resolve the issue informally. The materials shall remain in use unless removed through the procedure in section 3. f. (3) of this regulation.

- (1) The district official or staff member initially receiving a complaint shall explain to the complainant the district's selection procedure, criteria and qualifications of those persons selecting the material.
 - (a) The district official or staff member initially receiving a complaint shall explain to his/her best ability the particular place the objectionable material occupies in the education program and its intended educational usefulness, or refer the complaining party to someone who can identify and explain the use of the material.
- (2) In the event that the person making an objection to material is not satisfied with the initial explanation, the person raising the questions should be referred to someone designated by the principal. If, after private counseling, the complainant desires to file a formal complaint, the person to whom the complainant has been referred will assist in filling out a Reconsideration Request Form in full.
- (3) The individual receiving the initial complaint shall advise the principal of the initial contact no later than the end of the following school day, whether or not the complainant has apparently been satisfied by the initial contact. A written record of the contact shall be maintained by the principal.

3. Request for Reconsideration

- a. Any resident or employee of the district may formally challenge the appropriateness of instructional materials used in the district's educational program. This procedure is to provide a forum for those persons in the schools and the community who are not directly involved in the selection process.
- b. All school offices will keep on hand and make available Reconsideration Request Forms. All formal objections to instructional materials must be made on this form.
- c. The Reconsideration Request Form shall be signed by the complainant and filed with the superintendent.
- d. Within five business days of the filing of the form, the superintendent or person so designated by the superintendent shall file the material in question with the reconsideration committee. The committee shall recommend disposition to the superintendent.
- e. Generally, access to challenged material shall not be restricted during the reconsideration process. In unusual circumstances the material may be removed temporarily by following the provisions of Section 3. f. (3) of this regulation.
- f. The Reconsideration Committee
 - (1) The reconsideration committee shall be made up of nine members:
 - (a) One teacher designated annually by the superintendent;
 - (b) One school librarian designated annually by the superintendent;
 - (c) One member of the administrative staff designated annually by the superintendent;
 - (d) Five members from the community appointed annually by the Board;
 - (e) One student selected annually by the student council.

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- (2) The chair of the committee shall not be an employee or officer of the district. The secretary shall be an employee or officer of the district.
 - (3) Special meetings may be called by the superintendent to consider temporary removal of materials in unusual circumstances. Temporary removal shall require a three-fourths vote of the committee.
 - (4) The committee shall receive all Reconsideration Request Forms from the superintendent or person designated by the superintendent.
 - (5) The procedure for the first meeting following receipt of a Reconsideration Request Form is as follows:
 - (a) Distribute copies of written request form;
 - (b) Give complainant or a group spokesperson an opportunity to talk about and expand on the request form;
 - (c) Distribute reputable, professionally prepared reviews of the material when available;
 - (d) Distribute copies of challenged material as available.
 - (6) The committee may request that individuals with special knowledge be present to provide information.
 - (7) The complainant shall be kept informed by the superintendent concerning the status of the complaint throughout the committee reconsideration process. The complainant and known interested parties shall be given appropriate notice of such meetings.
 - (8) The committee shall make its decision in either open or closed session. The committee's final decision will be:
 - (a) To take no removal action;
 - (b) To remove all or part of the challenged material from the total school environment;
 - (c) To limit the educational use of the challenged material. The sole criteria for the final decision is the appropriateness of the material for its intended educational use. The vote on the decision shall be by secret ballot. The written decision and its justification shall be forwarded to the superintendent for appropriate action and to the complainant.
 - (9) A decision to sustain a challenge shall not be interpreted as a judgment of irresponsibility on the part of the professionals involved in the original selection or use of the material.
 - (10) Requests to reconsider materials which have previously been before the committee must receive approval of a majority of the committee members before the materials will again be considered. Every Reconsideration Request Form shall be acted upon by the committee.
 - (11) Committee members directly associated with the selection of the challenged material shall be excused from the committee during the deliberation on such materials. The superintendent may appoint a temporary replacement for the excused committee member, but such replacement shall be of the same general qualifications as that person excused.
 - (12) If the complainant is not satisfied with the decision, a request may be made that the matter be placed on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

Reconsideration Request Form for Reevaluation of Instructional Material

(Submit to superintendent)

Book or Other Printed Material If Applicable:

Author _____ Hardcover _____ Paperback _____ Other _____
Title _____ Publisher _____ Date of pub. _____

Audiovisual Material If Applicable:

Title _____ Producer (if known) _____
Type of material (filmstrip, motion picture, etc.) _____

Request initiated by _____ Telephone _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Person making the request represent self _____ group or organization _____
Name of Group _____

1. To what in the item do you object? (Please be specific, cite pages, frames, etc.)

2. In your opinion what harmful effects upon students might result from use of this item?

3. Do you perceive any instructional value in the use of this item?

4. Did you review the entire item? If not, what sections did you review?

5. Should the opinion of any additional experts in the field be considered?
☐ Yes ☐ No Please list suggestions if any:

6. What would you like the school to do about this material?
☐ Do not use it with my student
☐ Withdraw it from use
☐ Send it back to the selector or selectors for evaluation
☐ Other
7. In place of this item would you care to recommend other material which you consider to be of equal or superior quality for the purpose intended?

8. Do you wish to make an oral presentation to the Review Committee?
☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please call the superintendent's office at _____.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

References:

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Instructional Materials (Version 2)

Core Instructional Materials¹

The Board selects core instructional materials. The responsibility to ensure procedures on selection and recommendations for core instructional materials are followed rests with the superintendent. The responsibility for coordinating the distribution of core instructional materials to classes also rests with the superintendent. It is the principal's responsibility to implement and maintain the core instructional materials, and teachers are expected to use selected core instructional materials in the classroom.

Materials selection committees will be appointed by the administration at the time necessary adoption areas are determined. The committee will review the materials and the general criteria for materials selection and provide a recommendation to the superintendent. The superintendent may make changes to the recommendation and shall submit a recommendation(s) to the Board for adoption prior to use. The meetings of a selection committee for core instructional materials will follow Public Meetings Law.

If the district chooses to adopt core instructional materials which are not on the state-approved list, the rules outlined in OAR 581-022-2350 will apply and are represented in administrative regulation IIA-AR(6) - Independent Adoption of Core Instructional Materials.

Supplemental Instructional Materials²

The responsibility for evaluating and selecting supplemental instructional materials is delegated to teachers, principals, librarians, and/or others, as determined appropriate, who may collaborate as part of the process. Other authoritative matter experts may be included when practicable, as determined by the district.

1. Materials will contain suitable readability levels and support the district's adopted curriculum content.
2. Recommendations for selection may be solicited from staff and may include students.

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² "Supplemental instructional materials" means instructional materials used as part of the course of study, which are not part of the core instructional materials. They contain materials to supplement and/or differentiate core instruction and are generally teacher selected. These materials are not adopted by the Board. Materials required or assigned to be used as part of a class may be considered supplemental instructional materials, regardless of the source or location of the material.

3. Donated materials will be evaluated using the district's selection criteria and will be accepted or rejected based on those criteria.
4. Selection is an ongoing process which should include the removal of materials which no longer meet the selection criteria and the replacement of lost and worn materials still of educational value.

School Library Materials³

1. In selecting materials for the school library or media center, a librarian, under supervision of the principal, will evaluate the existing collection and the curriculum needs. The librarian will consult reputable, professionally prepared selection aids and other professional sources. Materials will contain suitable readability levels.
2. Recommendations for selection may be solicited from staff and students.
3. Donated materials will be evaluated using the established selection criteria and will be accepted or rejected based on those criteria.
4. Selection is an ongoing process which should include the removal of materials which no longer meet the selection criteria and the replacement of lost and worn materials still of educational value.

Classroom Library Materials⁴

1. When selecting materials for a classroom library, the teacher may consult staff and/or accept recommendations from staff and students.
2. Donated materials will be evaluated and may be accepted or rejected by the teacher.
3. Selection is an ongoing process which should include the removal of materials which no longer meet the selection criteria.

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³ "School library materials" means materials that are kept in the school library for student selection and use. The use of these materials may not be required for a particular class, but they may be selected by students to use. These may include books, media, newspapers, magazines, videos, websites, or databases, including in digital or print, etc. These materials are not adopted by the Board.

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Reconsideration of Core Instructional Materials

Any staff member, student or their parent or guardian, or resident of the district may raise concern about core instructional materials¹ used in the district's educational program. This procedure is meant to provide a forum for those persons in the schools and the community who are not directly involved in the selection process. Access to materials under reconsideration will not be restricted during the reconsideration process.

Complaints alleging a material constitutes protected-class discrimination should be submitted through the district's discrimination complaint policy and procedures.

This reconsideration process will be completed in its entirety and not subverted or ended prematurely. The person making a request for reconsideration may withdraw their request at any time during the process.

1. Concern

- a. Concerns about core instructional materials should be submitted to the principal. If a staff member receives an informal inquiry, the staff member is to forward the inquiry to the principal.
- b. Any concern made to the principal about core instructional materials by any person(s) will be made known to the staff member(s) most directly involved with its use.
- c. The principal will arrange to meet with the person(s) with the concern, and may include the staff member(s) most directly involved with its use, in an effort to resolve the issue informally, within 15 days of receipt of the concern.
 - (1) The principal initially receiving a concern will explain to the person the district's selection procedure.
 - (2) The principal initially receiving a concern will explain to their best ability the particular place the material in question occupies in the educational program and its intended educational usefulness or include someone who can identify and explain the use of the material.
- d. The principal will inform the person(s) submitting the concern that if they are not satisfied with the outcome of the informal inquiry process above, they may file a written request for reconsideration of the material within 10 days of the conclusion of 1.c. The initial contact from

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Concerns and requests for reconsideration of supplementary instructional materials or school or classroom library materials will be processed in accordance with the applicable administrative regulation.

the person and any outcome of a meeting or conversation will be documented and maintained by the principal.

2. Request for Reconsideration

- a. A staff member, student or their parent or guardian, or resident of the district wishing to file a request for reconsideration of core instructional materials must complete Step 1 above prior to filing a request for reconsideration.
- b. All requests for reconsideration will be in writing on the form prepared for this purpose, signed by the complainant, and must be submitted to the superintendent. All school offices will make forms available.
- c. Upon receipt of a written request for reconsideration, the superintendent or designee will appoint a reconsideration committee.
- d. The reconsideration committee will be made up of at least nine members:
 - (1) Two teachers designated by the superintendent or designee;
 - (2) One school librarian designated by the superintendent or designee;
 - (3) One administrator designated by the superintendent or designee;
 - (4) Four members from the community appointed by the Board;
 - (5) One student selected annually by the student council.

The reconsideration committee may include other designated district personnel in discussions about complaints which relate to an underrepresented group or a protected class.

The committee selected will only serve to consider the material, which is the subject of the request for reconsideration, unless otherwise specified. After completion of the reconsideration committee's responsibilities, committee members will be returned to the pool.

- e. The use of the material identified in the request for reconsideration will not be suspended during the reconsideration process. Materials will not be removed for discriminatory reasons.
- f. The reconsideration committee will convene to consider the request for reconsideration received by the district. The committee will receive the request for reconsideration and copies of related materials and instructions on procedure during this committee meeting.

3. Procedures for the Reconsideration Committee

- a. The procedures for the reconsideration committee are as follows:
 - (1) Select a chair and a secretary. The chair of the committee will be an employee of the district. The secretary will be an employee of the district;
 - (2) Be responsible for documenting all proceedings; adhering to Public Meetings Law, when required; and established procedures and guidelines; and preparing and representing the recommendations to the superintendent;
 - (3) Establish a calendar for review of the material;
 - (4) Review copies of the request for reconsideration;
 - (5) Review copies of material being reconsidered, as available;
 - (6) Consider the material's suitability in the context of the original use and the context in which the request for reconsideration was made;
 - (7) Review the material under reconsideration in its entirety, considering the theme, concept, vocabulary, and illustrations as they apply to:

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- (a) The suitability of the material for the instructional objectives established for the lesson(s) in which it was used, including its presentation and follow-up;
 - (b) The material's level of difficulty; and
 - (c) The age group(s) with which it was used.
 - b. An opportunity will be provided to the person who filed the request and staff member(s) involved to offer oral or written testimony on the reconsideration; outside consultants, lay people, other staff members, or other individuals may be offered an opportunity to provide offer oral or written testimony on the reconsideration within such procedures and limitations as may be established by the chair with the consensus of the committee.
 - c. The person who made the request for reconsideration will be kept informed by the superintendent or designee concerning the status of the request throughout the committee process. The person and known interested parties will be given notice of committee meetings.
 - d. Every request for reconsideration will be acted upon by the committee. However, the committee may consider requests with similar concerns together.
 - e. Review and discuss possible options for decision, including:
 - (1) Continued use of the material as used, with no restrictions;
 - (2) Restricted or modified use of the material in terms of subject area, grade level, and/or districtwide, related to the specific request for reconsideration; or
 - (3) Removal of the material from the educational setting in which it was used.

The reconsideration committee will consider the material's suitability in the context in which the request for reconsideration was made.

Following the discussion and review of possible options for recommendation, a committee member may offer a motion outlining the committee's recommendation. Action will be taken on the motion and any subsequent motions within the procedures outlined above and consistent with Oregon law.

- f. The reconsideration committee's final recommendation will be issued within 60 days of receipt of the request by the district.

The written recommendation and its justification from the committee will be forwarded to the superintendent within seven days of issuance of the recommendation. Within seven days of receipt of the recommendation by the superintendent, a copy of the recommendation will be sent by the superintendent or designee to the person who requested the reconsideration and to the Board.

- g. Procedures for voting:
 - (1) A quorum² will be present to act upon any business to come before the committee.
 - (2) All outcomes of motions and votes by name will be recorded and reported in the minutes of the meeting(s).

² A "quorum" is a majority (one-half of an odd number of members rounded up to the next whole number; one-half of an even number of members plus one). A quorum of a five-member committee is three; a quorum of a six-member committee is four; a quorum of a seven-member committee is four.

- (3) Only votes of the members present at the time of the vote will be recorded³.
- (4) A vote in the affirmative from a majority of those present is required for a motion to pass.

4. Board Review

The Board will review the final recommendation and announce its decision at a Board meeting. If the Board's decision is contrary to the committee's recommendation, the reasons will be communicated, in writing, to the superintendent. The Board's decision, at minimum, should include a reference to grade level and subject area, for which the subject material can be used, if any. The Board will issue a decision within 30 days of receipt of the reconsideration committee's recommendation. The district will provide a copy of the Board's decision to the person who requested the reconsideration.

The timelines may be modified by the district based on the availability of staff and/or committee participants. Notice of a modified timeline must be provided to the person who made the request, and the staff member(s) involved.

Requests for reconsideration of the same material will not be accepted for at least two calendar years following issuance of a decision on said material.

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Clatskanie School District 6J

Code: IIA-AR(3)

Revised/Reviewed:

Reconsideration of Supplemental Instructional Materials or Classroom or School Library Materials

Any staff member, student or their parent or guardian, or resident of the district may raise concern about supplemental instructional materials¹ used in the district's educational program. This procedure is meant to provide a forum for those persons in the schools and the community who are not directly involved in the selection process. Access to materials under reconsideration will not be restricted during the reconsideration process.

Complaints alleging a material constitutes protected-class discrimination may be submitted through the district's discrimination complaint policy and procedures.

This reconsideration process will be completed in its entirety and not subverted or ended prematurely. The person making a request for reconsideration may withdraw their reconsideration request at any time during the process.

1. Concern

- a. Any concern made regarding supplemental instructional materials by any staff member, student or their parent or guardian, or resident of the district will be made known to the principal.
- b. The principal will arrange to meet with the person(s) with the concern, and may include the staff member(s) most directly involved with its use, in an effort to resolve the issue informally, within 15 days of receipt of the concern.

The principal or staff member will explain to their best ability the particular place the material in question occupies in the educational program and its intended educational usefulness or include someone who can identify and explain the use of the material.

- c. The principal will inform the person(s) submitting the concern that if the person is not satisfied with the outcome of the informal inquiry, they may file a written request for reconsideration within 10 days of the conclusion in 1.b. The initial contact from the person and any outcome of a meeting or conversation will be documented and maintained by the principal.

2. Request for Reconsideration

- a. A staff member, student or their parent or guardian, or resident of the district wishing to file a request for reconsideration of supplemental instructional materials must complete Step 1 above prior to filing a request for reconsideration.

¹ "Supplemental instructional materials" means instructional materials used as part of the course of study, which are not part of the core instructional materials. They contain materials to supplement and/or differentiate core instruction and are generally teacher selected. These materials are not adopted by the Board. Materials required or assigned to be used as part of a class may be considered supplemental instructional materials, regardless of the source or location of the material.

- b. All requests for reconsideration will be in writing on the form prepared for this purpose, signed by the complainant, and must be submitted to the principal. If a request for reconsideration involves more than one material, a separate form must be completed for each material. A request to reconsider multiple titles in a series may be submitted on a single form. All school offices will make forms available.
- c. Upon receipt of a written reconsideration request, the principal will appoint a reconsideration committee by random selection.
- d. Use of the material identified in the request for reconsideration will not be suspended during the reconsideration process. Materials will not be removed for discriminatory reasons.

3. Reconsideration Committee

- a. The reconsideration committee shall be made up of at least three members:
 - (1) One teacher (will be from the grade level of the material under reconsideration);
 - (2) The principal;
 - (3) One student selected annually by the student council.
- b. The reconsideration committee, depending on the material, may include:
 - (1) The civil rights coordinator;
 - (2) A librarian designated by the principal; or
 - (3) A counselor designated by the principal.

The reconsideration committee may include equity, Title IX, and/or Section 504 personnel in discussions about concerns which relate to an underrepresented group or a protected class.

Committee members directly associated with the selection of the material under reconsideration will be excused from the committee. The principal may appoint a replacement for the excused committee member, but such replacement will be of the same general qualifications as the person excused.

The committee selected will only serve to consider the material, which is the subject of the request for reconsideration, unless otherwise specified.

4. Procedures for the Reconsideration Committee

- a. Designate a committee member to keep minutes of the committee.
- b. Every request for reconsideration will be acted upon by the committee. However, the committee may consider requests with similar concerns together.
- c. Be responsible for documenting all proceedings; adhering to established procedures and guidelines; and preparing and representing the recommendations to the principal.
- d. Review the material under reconsideration in its entirety, considering the theme, concept, vocabulary, and illustrations (if any) as they apply to:
 - (1) The suitability of the material for the instructional objectives established for the lesson(s) in which it was used, including its presentation and follow-up;
 - (2) The alignment of the material with the standards and curriculum;

- (3) The material's reading level and intended audience (literary level to comprehend the words as opposed to difficult topics);
- (4) The suitability of the material for the students it was used with.
- e. An opportunity will be provided to the person who filed the request and staff member(s) involved to offer oral or written testimony on the reconsideration.
- f. The person who made the request will be kept informed by the principal or designee concerning the status of the request throughout the committee process. The person and known interested parties will be given notice of such meetings.
- g. Review and discuss possible options for decision, including:
- (1) Continued use of the material as used, with no restrictions;
 - (2) Restricted or modified use of the material in terms of subject area, grade level, districtwide, related to the specific request;
 - (3) Removal of the material from the educational setting in which it was used.

The reconsideration committee will consider the material's suitability in the context in which the request for reconsideration was made.

Following the discussion and review of possible options for recommendation, a committee member may offer a motion outlining the committee's recommendation. Action will be taken on the motion and any subsequent motions within the procedures outlined above and consistent with Oregon law.

The written recommendation and its justification from the committee will be forwarded to the principal within 10 business days of issuance of the recommendation. Within 10 business days of receipt of the recommendation by the superintendent, a copy of the recommendation will be sent by the superintendent or designee to the person who made the request for reconsideration and to the Board.

- h. Procedures for voting:
- (1) A quorum² will be present to act upon any business to come before the committee.
 - (2) All outcomes of motions and votes will be recorded and reported in the minutes of the meeting(s).
 - (3) Only votes of the members present at the time of the vote will be recorded³.
 - (4) A vote in the affirmative from a majority of those present is required for a motion to pass.
- i. The decision from the reconsideration committee will be issued within 60 days of receipt of the written request for reconsideration by the principal. The response to the request for reconsideration will include the committee's decision and information regarding an appeal to

² A quorum is a majority (one-half of an odd number of members rounded up to the next whole number; one-half of an even number of members plus one). A quorum of a five-member committee is three; a quorum of a six-member committee is four; a quorum of a seven-member committee is four.

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the superintendent. The decision will be copied to the involved parties, including the principal. The principal will also communicate the decision to the affected staff and to the public. The committee's decision will be the final decision of the district.

5. Appeal to the Superintendent

A decision from the reconsideration committee may be appealed by the person who requested the reconsideration to the superintendent by submission of the appeal to the superintendent within 10 business days from issuance of the committee's decision. A copy of all procedural documents, recommendations, and decisions will be made available to the superintendent. The superintendent should review whether the correct procedure was followed. If the correct procedure was followed, the decision of the committee should be affirmed.

If an appeal is made, the decision made by the reconsideration committee remains in effect until the appeal is decided.

The timelines in this administrative regulation may be modified by the district based on the availability of staff and/or committee participants. Notice of a modified timeline must be provided to the person who made the request and staff member(s) involved.

Requests for reconsideration of the same materials will not be accepted for at least two calendar years following issuance of a decision on those materials.

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Clatskanie School District 6J

Code: IIA-AR(4)

Revised/Reviewed:

Request for Reconsideration of Instructional or Library Materials Form

(Submit to Principal)

Student choice reading is endorsed by the district as a key component of literacy and reading instruction. Student choice in reading materials is honored, with the understanding that parents/guardians have the final decision in what their child is reading. When materials are challenged, the principles of the freedom to read, listen, and view will also be considered for all students.

Please complete this form in its entirety for consideration. This document will become a public record and is subject to public records requests.

Requests for reconsideration will be processed in accordance with the following:

1. Core instructional materials: IIA-AR(2) - Reconsideration of Core Instructional Materials
2. Supplemental instructional materials: IIA-AR(3) - Reconsideration of Other Instructional Materials

People who wish to file a request for reconsideration of supplemental and/or school or classroom library materials must follow the informal process for concerns related to those instructional materials prior to filing this request for reconsideration.

Request initiated by: _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Book or other material:

Title: _____ Author _____

Publisher: _____ Publication Date: _____

Type of material: ☐ Article ☐ Audio recording ☐ Book ☐ Textbook ☐ Video ☐ Website

☐ Other: _____

Producer/Source (if known): _____

Please respond to the following questions.

1. Did you discuss your concerns with the teacher or other involved staff? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, you must first discuss your concerns with the teacher or other involved staff before filing a request for reconsideration.

If yes, on what date? _____

Please provide a summary of the conversation: _____

What is the name of the staff member(s)? _____

2. Did you review the entire material? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, what sections did you review? _____

3. How was the material acquired by the student (i.e., required reading, free choice selection, etc.)?

4. To what in the material do you object and why? (Please be specific and cite pages, frames, etc.)

5. What material do you recommend in its place which would provide information on the subject?

6. What action are you requesting the reconsideration committee consider? _____

7. Do you wish to provide oral or written testimony to the reconsideration committee?

☐ Yes, oral testimony ☐ Yes, written testimony ☐ No

If yes, please call the principal's office at _____.

Signature _____

_____ Date

Received by principal: _____

_____ Date

References: