

POLICY	BOARD OF EDUCATION OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND
CURRICULUM DISTRIBUTION	SECTION 501
501 Selection and Review of Instructional Materials	Adopted: 8/16/93 Amended: 9/26/07

The Frederick County Public Schools essential curriculum will be available for review by the public.

501 Selection and Review of Instructional Materials

In accordance with state law, the Board of Education of Frederick County is responsible for the selection and acquisition of instructional materials, including textbooks, teaching materials, and library media materials. Textbooks are used by students as primary sources of instruction in a course or unit within a course. Teaching materials are secondary sources that complement textbooks, and include, but are not limited to, manuals, resource books, videos, and magazine articles. Library media materials, housed primarily in the media center, are used to supplement instruction and for recreational reading. The board delegates to the superintendent the responsibility of selecting instructional materials that will help support and achieve the school system's goals as well as standards and indicators outlined in the essential curriculum. The superintendent is authorized to adopt regulations to administer the review and selection of instructional materials.

Instructional materials shall be selected after review and evaluation by appropriate staff following the criteria for selection of instructional materials. Textbooks for student use will be made available for public inspection and review. If, after public review, the textbooks are alleged to be inappropriate, the complainant(s) may request a review by following the regulations established by the superintendent.

If a Frederick County resident alleges that instructional materials already in use are inappropriate, that person may request a review. Regulations governing the reconsideration of materials currently in use are established by the superintendent.