

POLICY RELATING TO EDUCATION

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The Wachusett Regional School District Committee (WRSDC) believes that materials appropriate to the needs of the school program must be available to each student and teacher. These will be furnished by the WRSDC subject to budgetary constraints.

The task of selecting instructional materials for programs will be delegated to the professional staff of the school system. Because instructional programs and materials are of great importance, only those that meet the following criteria will be approved by the WRSDC:

1. Present balanced views of international, national, and local issues and problems of the past, present and future.
2. Provide materials that stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic and ethical values.
3. Help students develop abilities in critical reading and thinking.
4. Help develop and foster an appreciation of cultural diversity and development in the United States and throughout the world.
5. Provide for all students an effective basic education that does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, disability, or sexual orientation.
6. Allow sufficient flexibility for meeting the special needs of individual students and groups of students.

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