

**Policy 6161.11: Supplementary Instructional Materials**

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The Governing Board encourages the use of supplementary instructional materials to enrich the curriculum and enhance student learning. Such materials shall be aligned with district goals, curriculum objectives, and academic standards and shall supplement and not supplant the use of Board-adopted basic instructional materials that serve as the primary learning resources.

Supplementary instructional materials include, but are not limited to, instructional materials that are designed to serve one or more of the following purposes: (Education Code 60010)

1. To provide more complete coverage of one or more subjects included in a given course
2. To meet the various learning ability levels of students in a given age group or grade level
3. To meet the diverse educational needs of students with a language disability in a given age group or grade level
4. To meet the diverse educational needs of students reflective of a condition of cultural pluralism
5. To use current, relevant technology that further engages interactive learning in the classroom and beyond

Supplementary instructional materials may be selected by the Superintendent or designee, school administrators, or teachers, as applicable, and obtained through donations to the district and/or available funding sources designated for these purposes.

The use of any supplemental instructional material shall not be rejected or prohibited by the Board or district on the basis that it includes a study of the role and contributions of any individual or group consistent with the requirements of Education Code 51204.5 and 60040, unless such study would violate Education Code 51501 or 60044. (Education Code 243)

As appropriate, supplementary instructional materials shall meet the criteria developed for the selection and evaluation of basic instructional materials as described in AR 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials.

Supplementary instructional materials shall be directly related to the course of study in which they are being used and shall be appropriate for the age and maturity level of the students.

The use or reproduction of supplementary instructional materials shall be in accordance with federal copyright law.

**Appropriateness of Materials**

Whenever a district employee proposes to use a supplementary resource which is not included in

the approved learning resources of the district, the employee shall preview the material to determine whether, in the employee's professional judgment, it is appropriate for the grade level taught and is consistent with district criteria for the selection of supplementary instructional materials.

The employee shall confer with the Superintendent or designee as necessary to determine the compliance of the material with district criteria. The primary considerations should be the educational value, factual accuracy, appropriateness, including whether the material contains pervasive vulgarity or profanity, and relevance of the materials, as well as the ages and maturity of the students.

The Superintendent or designee may provide training to administrators and teachers in the selection and evaluation of supplementary instructional materials, including the criteria to be utilized and applicable legal considerations.

### Complaints

Complaints concerning supplemental instructional materials shall be handled in accordance with Board Policy 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials and Board Policy 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures, as applicable.

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#### Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

| <b>State</b>     | <b>Description</b>  |
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| 5 CCR 4600-4670  | Uniform complaint procedures  |
| Ed. Code 18111   | <a href="#"><u>Exclusion of books by Governing board that are sectarian, partisan, or denominational character</u></a>                |
| Ed. Code 220     | <a href="#"><u>Prohibition of discrimination</u></a>  |
| Ed. Code 233.5   | <a href="#"><u>Teaching of principles</u></a>   |
| Ed. Code 242     | <a href="#"><u>Access to information about educational laws and policies regarding right to accurate and inclusive curriculum</u></a> |
| Ed. Code 243     | <a href="#"><u>Prohibition of discrimination; instructional materials</u></a>   |
| Ed. Code 48907   | <a href="#"><u>Exercise of free expression; time, place, and manner rules and regulations</u></a>                                     |
| Ed. Code 48950   | <a href="#"><u>Speech and other communication</u></a>   |
| Ed. Code 51204.5 | <a href="#"><u>Social sciences instruction; contributions of specified groups</u></a>   |
| Ed. Code 51501   | <a href="#"><u>Nondiscriminatory subject matter</u></a>   |

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| Ed. Code 51510         | <a href="#">Prohibited study or supplemental materials</a>                               |
| Ed. Code 51511         | <a href="#">Religious matters properly included in courses of study</a>                  |
| Ed. Code 51933         | <a href="#">Sexual health education and HIV prevention materials</a>                     |
| Ed. Code 60000-60005   | <a href="#">Instructional materials; legislative intent</a>                              |
| Ed. Code 60010         | <a href="#">Instructional materials; definition</a>                                      |
| Ed. Code 60040-60052   | <a href="#">Requirements for instructional materials</a>                                 |
| Ed. Code 60060-60063.5 | <a href="#">Requirements for publishers and manufacturers</a>                            |
| Ed. Code 60200-60213   | <a href="#">Elementary school materials</a>  |
| Ed. Code 60226         | <a href="#">Requirements for publishers and manufacturers</a>                            |
| Ed. Code 60400-60411   | <a href="#">Instructional materials; high schools</a>                                    |
| Ed. Code 60605         | <a href="#">State-adopted content and performance standards in core curricular areas</a> |
| Ed. Code 60605.8       | <a href="#">Common Core standards</a>  |
| Ed. Code 60811.3       | English language development standards   |

### Management Resources

California Department of Education  
Publication

Court Decision

Court Decision

Website

Website

Website

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Website

### Description

[Standards for Evaluating Instructional Materials for Social Content, 2013](#)

Fowler v. Board of Education of Lincoln County (1987)  
819 F.2d 657

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

[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)

[Department of Justice](#)

[U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights](#)

[California Department of Education](#)

[CSBA](#)

### Cross References

#### Code

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0200

0410

#### Description

[Vision](#)

[Goals For The School District](#)

[Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities](#)

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| 1260        | <a href="#"><u>Educational Foundation</u></a>                             |
| 1312.2      | <a href="#"><u>Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials</u></a>      |
| 1312.2      | <a href="#"><u>Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials</u></a>      |
| 1312.2-E(1) | <a href="#"><u>Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials</u></a>      |
| 1312.3      | <a href="#"><u>Uniform Complaint Procedures</u></a>                       |
| 1312.3      | <a href="#"><u>Uniform Complaint Procedures</u></a>                       |
| 1312.3-E(1) | <a href="#"><u>Uniform Complaint Procedures</u></a>                       |
| 1312.3-E(2) | <a href="#"><u>Uniform Complaint Procedures</u></a>                       |
| 1312.4      | <a href="#"><u>Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures</u></a>              |
| 1312.4-E(1) | <a href="#"><u>Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures</u></a>              |
| 1312.4-E(2) | <a href="#"><u>Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures</u></a>              |
| 1325        | <a href="#"><u>Advertising And Promotion</u></a>                          |
| 3270        | <a href="#"><u>Sale And Disposal Of Books, Equipment And Supplies</u></a> |
| 3270        | <a href="#"><u>Sale And Disposal Of Books, Equipment And Supplies</u></a> |
| 3290        | <a href="#"><u>Gifts, Grants And Bequests</u></a>                         |
| 3311        | <a href="#"><u>Bids</u></a>   |
| 3311        | <a href="#"><u>Bids</u></a>   |
| 4132        | <a href="#"><u>Publication Or Creation Of Materials</u></a>               |
| 4232        | <a href="#"><u>Publication Or Creation Of Materials</u></a>               |
| 4332        | <a href="#"><u>Publication Or Creation Of Materials</u></a>               |
| 5145.3      | <a href="#"><u>Nondiscrimination/Harassment</u></a>                       |
| 5145.3      | <a href="#"><u>Nondiscrimination/Harassment</u></a>                       |
| 6000        | <a href="#"><u>Concepts And Roles</u></a>                                 |
| 6011        | <a href="#"><u>Academic Standards</u></a>                                 |
| 6141        | <a href="#"><u>Curriculum Development And Evaluation</u></a>              |
| 6141        | <a href="#"><u>Curriculum Development And Evaluation</u></a>              |
| 6141.2      | <a href="#"><u>Recognition Of Religious Beliefs And Customs</u></a>       |
| 6141.2      | <a href="#"><u>Recognition Of Religious Beliefs And Customs</u></a>       |
| 6142.1      | <a href="#"><u>Sexual Health And HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction</u></a>  |
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| 6142.2      | <a href="#"><u>World Language Instruction</u></a>                          |
| 6142.2      | <a href="#"><u>World Language Instruction</u></a>                          |
| 6142.6      | <a href="#"><u>Visual And Performing Arts Education</u></a>                |
| 6142.91     | <a href="#"><u>Reading/Language Arts Instruction</u></a>                   |
| 6142.92     | <a href="#"><u>Mathematics Instruction</u></a>                             |
| 6142.93     | <a href="#"><u>Science Instruction</u></a>                                 |
| 6142.94     | <a href="#"><u>History-Social Science Instruction</u></a>                  |
| 6143        | <a href="#"><u>Courses Of Study</u></a>                                    |
| 6143        | <a href="#"><u>Courses Of Study</u></a>                                    |
| 6144        | <a href="#"><u>Controversial Issues</u></a>                                |
| 6161.1      | <a href="#"><u>Selection And Evaluation Of Instructional Materials</u></a> |
| 6161.1      | <a href="#"><u>Selection And Evaluation Of Instructional Materials</u></a> |
| 6161.1-E(1) | <a href="#"><u>Selection And Evaluation Of Instructional Materials</u></a> |
| 6162.6      | <a href="#"><u>Use Of Copyrighted Materials</u></a>                        |
| 6162.6      | <a href="#"><u>Use Of Copyrighted Materials</u></a>                        |
| 6163.1      | <a href="#"><u>Library Media Centers</u></a>                               |
| 6174        | <a href="#"><u>Education For English Learners</u></a>                      |
| 6174        | <a href="#"><u>Education For English Learners</u></a>                      |