EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS

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108. ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS

1. Purpose SC 508, 801, 803 Pol. 006 It is the responsibility of the Board to adopt all textbooks used as part of the educational program of this school district. The Board shall establish a planned cycle of textbook review and replacement.

2. Definition

For purposes of this policy, **textbooks** shall be defined as those books which are purchased in classroom quantity or more and which are issued to each student in the class.

<u>Textbooks shall be defined as the books used as the basic source of information in the planned instruction.</u>

3. Delegation of Responsibility SC 508, 803 Pol. 006

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

4. Guidelines

The Superintendent or designee shall establish administrative regulations for reviewing, evaluating and selecting textbooks. develop an independent plan for the selection of textbooks.

Guidelines for selecting textbooks may include the following:

- 1. Professional staff members selected by the Superintendent shall participate in the selection process.
- 2. Textbooks with copyright dates more than six (6) years old shall be reviewed annually for their continuing suitability.
- 3. The staff shall continually research new sources of textbooks.
- 4. Textbooks currently in use shall be periodically evaluated for their continuing usefulness and relevance.

In considering the approval of any proposed textbook, the Board will evaluate its:

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	1. Suitability for the maturity level and educational accomplishment of the students
	who will be using the book.
	2. Freedom from bias.
	3. Relationship to the curriculum.
	4. Relationship to a continuous multigrade program.
	5. Manner of selection.
	6. Cost.
	7. Appearance and durability.
Pol. 105.1	A list of all Board approved textbooks <u>used in the district</u> shall be prepared and maintained <u>by the Superintendent or designee and</u> . It shall be reviewed periodically by the Superintendent and made available to Board members, district staff, students, <u>parents/guardians and community members</u> . for the use of the staff and for the information of members of the Board.
	References: School Code 24 P.S. Sec. 508, 801, 803, 807.1
	Board Policy – 000, 006, 105.1, 610