



DATE: April 7, 2021

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Mrs. Carmen Ghysels, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer

SUBJECT: Approve Revisions to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation
Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials 6161.1

PRESENTED BY: Valerie Simpson, Executive Director of Educational Services

ACTION REQUESTED

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Proposed Policy Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials Policy has been updated to reflect the new law (SB 820, 2020) which revises the definition of “technology-based materials” to include the electronic equipment required to make use of those materials, making such equipment subject to the determination of sufficiency.

The Proposed Administrative Regulation has been updated to add a section on “Review Process” formerly in the Board Policy and review the section to encourage input from a diverse group of stakeholders.

The section on “Criteria for Selection and Adoption of Instructional Materials” is revised to:

- Delete unnecessary legal citations related to SBE’s adoption of academic standards;
- Move material regarding the publisher requirements for grades 9 – 12 to end of the list to make it easier for K – 8 districts to delete;
- Replace the list of nondiscrimination categories with a reference to BP 0410 – Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities;
- add new item on the criteria for technology-based materials;
- Emphasize the importance of the accurate portrayal of the cultural and racial diversity of society in instructional materials; and
- Delete an outdated item regarding quality, durability and appearance.

Plus, the “Conflict of Interest” section is revised to delete redundant and difficult-to-enforce item.

RESOURCES REQUIRED: N/A

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Attachment: Board Policy, Administrative Regulations and Exhibit Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials 6161.1