

## **Textbook Selection and Adoption**

It is the policy of the Shelton Board of Education to provide instructional materials that support and enrich the curriculum and further the achievement of the school system's instructional goals. Section 10-229 of the General Statutes of Connecticut states: "No Board Of Education shall change any textbooks used in the public schools except by a two-thirds vote of all members of the board, notice of such change having been previously given at a meeting of such board held at least one week previous to the vote upon such change."

The selection of textbooks will be carried on continuously in order to keep up with the great expansion of knowledge and the rapid changes going on in our world today. Textbooks are defined as that resource which provides 50% or more of the information upon which the program of instruction is based.

Where applicable, all textbooks should present balanced views concerning the international, national, and local issues and problems of the past, present and future. Textbooks should:

1. provide materials to stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic and ethical values
2. provide materials that will help students develop abilities in critical reading and thinking
3. provide materials that will develop and foster an appreciation of cultural diversity and development in the United States and throughout the world
4. provide for all students an effective education that, in compliance with the Title VI, Title IX and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex, or handicap
5. allow sufficient flexibility for meeting the special needs of individual students and groups of students

The administration will develop and review administrative rules outlining a procedure to select textbooks which meet the above criteria. This procedure shall include analysis, evaluation, and recommendation by professional staff.

Legal reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
10-18a Contents of textbooks and other general instructional materials  
10-228 Free textbooks, supplies, materials and equipment  
10-229 Change of textbooks