

SELECTION OF AUTHORIZED LEARNING RESOURCES

Background

To achieve the educational goals of the Division, learning materials must be provided for each student.

The Assistant Superintendent, Learning Services and principals are responsible for the administration of this administrative procedure.

Definition

Basic and Support Resources are those student learning resources authorized by Alberta Education as the most appropriate for addressing, or to assist in addressing, the majority of learner expectations of the course(s), substantial components of the course(s), or the most appropriate for meeting general learner expectations across two (2) or more grades, subject areas or programs.

Procedures

1. Where Alberta Education has authorized Basic Resources or Support Resources for a program, learning resource selection is the responsibility of the Principal, in consultation with the teaching staff.
2. Supplementary resources do not require local authorization. The Principal shall be responsible for obtaining additional learning support materials which:
 - 2.1 Complement the curriculum.
 - 2.2 Are within the constraints of the school budget.
 - 2.3 Are in keeping with community expectations within provincial and national contexts.
 - 2.4 Meet the criteria for instructional material detailed in Administrative Procedure 206 – Controversial Learning Resources.
3. Where the province identifies a new course or a major revision to a course and mandates the purchase of new learning resources, it is the Principal's responsibility to ensure that these resources are in place. The costs of these resources will be subsidized by the Division as a part of the school's mini-budget.

Reference: Relevant Legislation & Guidelines