VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT TWENTY FOUR

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The purpose of instructional materials shall be to implement, enrich, and support the educational program of the school. Instructional materials should contribute to the development of positive social and intellectual values of the students.

The Board of Education will, within appropriate budget constraints, provide appropriate instructional materials for all School District students and teachers. Instructional materials include textbooks, workbooks, library books, audio-visual recordings, and any other instructional, resource, and support materials. The Board of Education delegates the authority for selection of instructional materials to the Superintendent of Schools, who will make recommendations based upon input from the professional staff.

The Board of Education will provide free textbooks to all School District students to use and return at the end of the school year. Students will be required to pay for lost books or for excessive damage to books. Children who are residents of the School District and attend private or parochial schools will be loaned textbooks on an equitable basis as students attending the public schools. Private, parochial, and charter school students will make individual requests for each textbook they require. Textbooks for students attending private, parochial, and charter schools are subject to the same five (5) year replacement restrictions as apply to textbooks designated for the School District's schools.

All requests for textbooks for nonpublic school students must be received in writing by the School District by June 1 of the school year prior to the one for which the textbook are requested, or within thirty (30) days of enrolling in a nonpublic school.

The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to establish any and all rules, regulations, and procedures necessary to implement and maintain this policy.

Public complaints about instructional materials will be directed to the Superintendent of Schools. Matters referred to the Superintendent of Schools and/or the Board of Education may be required to be placed in writing. Concerns registered directly to the Board of Education as a whole or to an individual Board of Education member may be referred as soon as is reasonably possible to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee for investigation, report, and/or resolution.

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