The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education

Policy Committee

A-SLM -- Selection of Library Media Center and Supplementary Instructional Materials

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Policy:  A-SLM -- Selection of Library Media Center and Supplementary Instructional Materials

Recommendation:  Modify

Policy Title:  A-ILM -- Instructional and Library Media Center Materials

It is the intent of the Board of Education to make available to all students the best available instructional and supplementary instructional materials, as well as library media center resources. This includes textbooks, instructional aids and equipment, audiovisual materials, supplementary books and resources, and library books and resources. A list of library media center materials shall be established for each school level and shall be surveyed and updated on an annual basis.

A textbook is defined as set forth in N.C.G.S. § 115C-85: “systematically organized material comprehensive enough to cover the primary objectives outline in the standard course of study for a grade or course.” Supplementary materials include supplementary textbooks, periodicals, audiovisual materials, and other supplementary materials used for instructional purposes.

I. Selection of Instructional Materials

The Superintendent shall adopt a regulation accompanying this policy that sets forth the objectives and procedures for selecting library media center and supplementary materials, and objectives and procedures for this process. The regulation shall also include procedures for the public to follow to challenge the selection or use of certain materials. Pending review of instructional and supplemental materials for selection or objection, all materials shall remain in circulation unless or until a final decision has been made.

II. Parental Review of Instructional Materials

Parents have the right to learn about their child’s course of study and the source of any supplementary instructional materials, and to inspect and review all textbooks and supplementary instructional materials that will be used in their child’s classroom.

The Superintendent’s regulation shall establish a procedure for parents to learn about their child’s course of study and the source of any supplementary instructional materials. This policy and the Superintendent’s regulation shall be available for in-person review by parents at the school site and publicly available on the school’s website.

The Superintendent’s regulation shall establish a means for parents to object to textbooks and
supplementary instructional materials consistent with the requirements of N.C.G.S. § 115C-98, and to object to library media center materials.

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