

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Generally

The Bath County School Board is responsible for the selection and use of instructional materials.

The superintendent or superintendent's designee creates and updates, as necessary, guidelines and procedures for the selection of instructional materials. The guidelines and procedures are designed to ensure that appropriate instructional materials are selected and provide an opportunity for the professional staff and community to participate and be informed on the selection and use of instructional materials.

Parents may inspect, on request, any instructional material used as part of their student's curriculum.

Bath County School Board ensures parental notification of any instructional material that includes sexually explicit content.

Bath County School Board provides nonexplicit instructional material and related academic activities to any student whose parent requests that the student be provided with such instructional material and/or activities.

The superintendent is responsible for creating, implementing, and periodically updating procedures for implementing this policy. Those procedures will include

- a process for identifying instructional materials, including supplementary materials, with sexually explicit content;
- a process for identifying, prior to the start of each school year, any instructional material that includes sexually explicit content that may be used during the upcoming school year;
- a process by which principals will provide written notice to parents at least 30 days prior to the use of any instructional materials with sexually explicit content, that (a) specifically identifies the instructional materials with sexually explicit content, (b) informs parents of their right to review such instructional materials, and (c) informs parents of their right to have their child use, upon request, in a non-punitive manner, alternative instructional materials that do not include sexually explicit content;
- a process by which parents may change their decision with respect to the use of alternative instructional materials by providing written notice;
- a process for maintaining a current list of instructional materials with sexually explicit content by grade and subject matter on the division's website; and
- a process for online access for parental review of instructional materials that include sexually explicit content unless such review is not technically feasible or is prohibited by copyright protection. The process shall include provisions

requiring schools to have instructional materials including sexually explicit content available for review by parents.

Definitions

“Instructional material” and “instructional materials” mean any content used by one or more students for an educational purpose in connection with Bath County Public Schools regardless of (a) its format, whether printed, representational, audiovisual, electronic, or digital (such as materials, social media content, and software applications accessible through the internet), or (b) the time, place and manner in which the content is used. Library materials are considered instructional materials when used (a) for completion of an assignment from Bath County Public Schools, or (b) as part of an academic or extracurricular education program conducted by Bath County Public Schools. They include any division, school, and/or classroom purchased or created assessments. They do not include standardized national or state assessments, such as ACT, SAT, NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress), AP (Advanced Placement) or SOL (Standards of Learning) exams.

“Parent” or “parents” means any parent, guardian, legal custodian, or other person having control or charge of a child.

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Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 2.2-2827, 18.2-390, 22.1-1, 22.1-16.8.

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Cross Ref.:	IGAH	Family Life Education
	IGBC	Parent and Family Engagement
	IIAA	Textbook Selection, Adoption, and Purchase
	IIBAB	Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption
	IIBD	School Libraries/Media Centers
	IIBEA/GAB	Acceptable Computer System Use
	INB	Teaching About Controversial Issues
	JOB	Administration of Surveys and Questionnaires
	KLB	Public Complaints About Learning Resources