

Policy Title	Textbooks and Supplementary Learning Resources		
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References			
Education Act; Ontario Regulation 298; Ministry of Education Guidelines for Approval of Textbooks - Trillium List; BP 6303-D "Equity and Inclusive Education"; BP 7520-D "Human Rights"; Copyright Act; Fair Dealing Guidelines; Policy/Program Memorandum No. 157 "Use of Copyright-Protected Works for Education"; AP 2320-D "Copyright"			

1.0 RATIONALE

- 1.1 Bluewater District School Board policies will support and provide direction necessary to achieve the board's Vision, Mission, and Strategic Plan priorities.
- 1.2 Bluewater District School Board believes that:
 - 1.2.1 all students have the right to access learning resources that promote critical and creative thinking, open communication, diversity of thought and expression, and that is representative of a diverse national and global society; and
 - 1.2.2 students should be exposed to a wide range of high-quality learning resources in a variety of formats, including both print and electronic, to meet the various needs and learning styles of our students.
 - 1.2.3 textbooks and supplementary learning resources should reflect our multifaceted society and address the intellectual, cultural, and social needs of students, consistent with board policies and procedures, including, but not limited to, BP/AP 6303-D "Equity and Inclusive Education" and BP 7520-D "Human Rights".

2.0 POLICY

- 2.1 Bluewater District School Board is committed to providing textbooks and a wide range of supplementary learning resources in its schools, in accordance with the requirements of the Education Act, Ontario Regulation 298, Section 7, and administrative procedure AP 5450-D "Textbooks and Supplementary Learning Resources", where applicable.

3.0 DEFINITIONS

3.1 Non-approved Textbook

A non-approved textbook is a book that is not listed on the Trillium List and which would require consideration of AP 5450-D before it can be used in a Bluewater District School Board classroom.

3.2 Supplementary Learning Resource

A supplementary learning resource refers to any print, non-print, or material other than textbooks, including digital platforms, whether purchased, borrowed, locally produced, or downloaded for instructional purposes with teacher supervision, with instructional content or function that is used for formal or informal teaching and/or learning purposes.

3.3 Textbook

A textbook is a book which has been pre-approved by the Ministry of Education and is listed on the Trillium List.

4.0 SYSTEM EXPECTATIONS

- 4.1 Textbooks will be selected according to the requirements of Ontario Regulation 298, Section 7 (Ministry of Education Guidelines for Approval of Textbooks - Trillium List).
- 4.2 Beyond those textbooks defined by Ontario Regulation 298, Section 7, additional textbooks/supplementary learning resources may be used subject to AP 5450-D "Textbooks and Supplementary Learning Resources".
- 4.3 All textbooks and supplementary learning resources must be selected and used within applicable copyright laws (i.e., the Copyright Act, and the Fair Dealing Guidelines), Policy/Program Memorandum No. 157 "Use of Copyright-Protected Works for Education", administrative procedure AP 2320-D "Copyright".
- 4.4 Where Canadian textbooks/supplementary learning resources are deemed to be of equal quality to available non-Canadian resources, preference will be given to resources by Canadian authors, editors, and publishers.