

## **Sparta Area School District**

### Article 407 - Textbooks and Instructional Materials Selection

The final decision for the selection and purchase of textbooks shall rest with the School Board following the recommendation of the appropriate administrative staff members. These recommendations will be made only after careful examination of the various textbooks available by school officials and others as appropriate. This is provided for under Sec. 118.03 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The textbooks recommended to the School Board or other instructional materials used by the staff must consider current community standards in regard to issues relating to morals, drugs, politics, religion and respect for other beings.

Books and other materials shall be chosen for values of interest and enlightenment of all students in the community. A book shall not be excluded because of the race, nationality, political, or religious views of the writer.

An effort will be made to provide materials that present all points of view concerning the problems and issues of our times; international, national, and local books or periodicals or other reading matter of sound factual authority shall not be prescribed or removed from library shelves or classrooms because of partisan, doctrinal approval or disapproval.

The selection of instructional materials other than basic textbooks will be purchased with the approval of the appropriate administrative staff members

No parent or group of parents has the right to determine the reading matter for students other than their own children. The right of an individual parent to request that his/her child not use specific materials or to read a given book is recognized provided a written request is made to the appropriate principal.

Any parent who wishes to request reconsideration of the use of any textbook or other material in the school by school officials must follow Article 605.

Legal Reference:

Cross Reference:     Article 156 – Financial Procedures

Approved:

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