

PRINCE ALBERT ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 6

POLICY ITEM: Selection of Learning Resources	CODE: HIA
LEGAL STATUS: Board Motion #05.06, #246.17, #26.21	DATE APPROVED: 09 Jan 06, 16 Oct 17, 8 Feb 21

Background: Resource-based learning is a philosophy of education and a methodology for teaching and learning. It involves the achievement of both subject and information literacy objectives through exposure to and practise with diverse resources making students active learners.

The Prince Albert Roman Catholic Board of Education provides learning resources which assist teachers in making the learning environment meaningful and appropriate for each student. These resources should be free of bias, fair and equitable in their treatment of all people regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, age, physical and/or mental levels of ability.

POLICY: **The Board of Education shall provide learning resources that will enable the professional staff to deliver the curriculum as prescribed by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education while implementing the teaching mission of the Catholic Church.**

- Guidelines:**
1. The Board of Education directs teachers to fully utilize core resources (textbooks) that have been approved by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education, supplemented with additional resources directly related to teaching curriculum outcomes. The only exceptions will be those resources that are deemed contrary to the teaching of the Catholic Church.
 2. The Director of Education or designate shall oversee the selection of core resources. A consultative process including coordinators and consultants, in-school administrators and teachers will guide the selection of textbooks and other core resources for the school division.
 3. The principal or vice-principal will oversee the selection of school-based resources in consultation with the teacher librarian and learning leaders (École St. Mary High School) and will be guided by recommendations from the Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Division Coordinators, and Consultants.
 4. The selection of resources will follow Saskatchewan Learning Guidelines outlined in publications such as *Learning Resources Evaluation Guidelines, 2020*.
 5. Teachers are responsible for ensuring supplemental resources used in classrooms are aligned with Ministry and School Division philosophies.

Procedures:

1. Saskatchewan Ministry of Education documents will be used to select appropriate resources starting with the Core and Additional Resource lists that are updated on an ongoing basis.
2. The selection of resources will be guided by an understanding of the aims, objectives and policies of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education and the Prince Albert Roman Catholic School Division with its distinct educational philosophy.
3. When selecting resources for the school Learning Resource Centre, the diversity of the community served, its academic needs, interests and abilities will be considered.
4. Emphasis will be placed on the selection of Canadian learning resources where appropriate.
5. Selection will be guided by an inherent respect for the copyright of materials.

Reference:

“Learning Resources Evaluation Guidelines”.
www.publications.saskatchewan.ca/#!/products/33318, 2020,
pubsaskdev.blob.core.windows.net/pubsask-prod/40280/Learn%252BResrc%252BEvaluation%252BGuidelines%252BEN.pdf.