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607.3 Instructional Resources and Materials

Policy

Instructional resources and materials used to deliver a substantive portion of the Programs of Study in Division schools shall be authorized, recommended, or approved resources.

This policy provides support for consistency in selecting and managing teaching and learning resources that align with provincial curriculum and promote equal opportunity for students in our Division, in accordance with the Education Amendment Act, 2024 (Bill 27).

Definitions The following definitions are taken from the *Provincial Resource Review Guide (April 2022)* to ensure a common understanding among stakeholders:

- **Authorized Resource** – A resource successfully reviewed by Alberta Education that is relevant to at least one learning outcome within the provincially authorized curriculum.
- **Recommended Resource** – A resource that is part of a subset of authorized resources that align to knowledge elements within the provincially authorized curriculum.
- **Locally Approved Resource** – A resource that is not on the authorized or Recommended list but is approved by a school principal (or designate) for use in delivering a substantive portion of the Alberta Programs of Study using Form 607.3A.
- **Approved Resource** – A resource that deals primarily and explicitly with gender identity, sexual orientation, or human sexuality that is approved by the Minister of Education, aligned with at least one learning outcome in the curriculum.

Regulations

1. Instructional resources and materials shall be relevant to the curriculum and the cognitive level of the students, meet acceptable standards with respect to content and language, and reflect acceptance, respect, and understanding.
2. All resources and materials must comply with the *Provincial Resource Review Guide* by Alberta Education.

3. Instructional resources and materials used to deliver a substantive portion of the Programs of Study that are not defined as Authorized or Recommended are subject to approval using Form 607.3A prior to the utilization of the resource.
 - 3.1.1. Instructional resources and external presenters that address topics primarily and explicitly related to gender identity, sexual
4. Instructional resources and external presenters that address topics primarily and explicitly related to gender identity, sexual orientation, or human sexuality must be approved by the Minister of Education prior to use in schools.
5. Students shall not be denied basic instructional supplies and materials because of financial hardship or as leverage for the collection of outstanding fees.
6. Concerns with respect to the appropriateness of instructional resources shall be handled as follows:
 - 6.1. The matter should be discussed with the relevant teacher.
 - 6.2. The decision of the teacher may be appealed to the principal in writing.
 - 6.3. The decision of the principal may be appealed to the Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services.

The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to develop the procedures necessary to implement this policy.

References

Education Act:	58.1, 58.2, Education Amendment Act: 2024 (Bill 27)
Division Policies:	802.2 Student Fees, 505.9 Appeals, 607.3.1 Copyright
Alberta Education:	Authorized Resources Database, <i>Provincial Resource Review Guide</i> , April 2022, Education, Government of Alberta