

RATIONALE

The Catholic Independent Schools of Nelson Diocese (CISND) supports the selection and approval of textbooks and supplementary resources that align with the expectations of the British Columbia curriculum for Grades Kindergarten to 12.

While the selection of learning resources should involve input from administrators, teachers, students, and community persons (such as parent associations), the responsibility for co-ordinating the selection of learning resources is that of the Principal.

POLICY

The Board of Directors delegates to the school Principal the responsibility for the selection of learning resources which are supportive and consistent with the goals and objectives of the CISND, the Ministry of Education and the aims and objectives of the individual school, and its curriculum.

PROCEDURES

1. DEFINITIONS

The term “learning resources” refers to any audio or visual material with instructional content that is used for formal or informal teaching or learning purposes.

- 1.1 Learning resources will include print material: (e.g. textbooks, library books, magazines, newspapers, pictures, diagrams, maps, charts, etc.)
- 1.2 Learning resources will include non-print material: (e.g. videos, DVD, electronic resources, computer software, etc.)
- 1.3 Learning resources will include presentations, concerts, and performances that students attend.

2. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Every effort should be made to ensure that resources are selected for their strengths. The following criteria will be used as they apply:

- 2.1 Learning resources in various physical formats should meet high standards of quality in factual content, presentation, construction, and organization.
- 2.2 Learning resources will be appropriate for the age, emotional development, ability level, learning styles, and social development of students for whom the material are selected.
- 2.3 Learning resources will have aesthetic, literary, and/or social values.
- 2.4 Learning resources will be selected to help students gain an awareness of our multicultural society as well as an understanding of the many important contributions made to our civilization by minority and ethnic groups.
- 2.5 Learning resources will be selected to help motivate students to examine their duties, responsibilities, rights, and privileges as participating citizens in our society.
- 2.6 Emphasis will be placed on the selection of Canadian learning resources where appropriate.
- 2.7 Illegal, or "pirated" copies of materials may not be used in schools.
- 2.8 Instructional resources, borrowed or rented, must be previewed and conform to this policy.

3. PUBLIC PERFORMANCE LOCATION LICENCE

- 3.1 All schools are covered under a Public Performance Location License with licensor Audio Cine Films, Inc (ACF) that allows the staff at any CISND school to show a feature length film that is produced by any of the studios/distributors that ACF represents.

- It is the responsibility of the staff member showing the film to:
- Check that the film is covered by the licensor (ACF) against a list of titles and studios/distributors provided by ACF.
 - Ensure that the film shown is curriculum related (if shown during class time) or of appropriate general interest (if shown during non-instructional time).
 - Ensure all presentations occur within a non-profit environment and are within a strictly educational context.

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