

**Haverhill School Committee
Policy IJ**

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The Haverhill School Committee realizes that Instructional materials consistent with the needs of the educational program must be available to each student and teacher. Provision for the same will be made by the School Committee through the budgetary process, subject to its constraints. The task of selecting Instructional materials for programs is delegated to the professional staff operating under the oversight of the Superintendent. Since such material are of the utmost importance in supporting instruction, among the guidelines to be observed in their selection are the following:

1. They must present balanced views of international, national, and local issues and problems of the past, present, and future.
2. They must stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic appreciation, and ethical values.
3. They must help students develop abilities in critical reading and thinking.
4. They must help develop and foster an appreciation of cultural diversity and development in the United States and throughout the world.
5. They must facilitate an effective basic education that does not countenance discrimination on the basis of race, age, color, religion, national origin, gender, disabilities, or sexual preference.
6. They must allow sufficient flexibility for meeting the special needs of individual students and groups of students.

LEGAL REFS: M.G.L. 71:48; 71:49; 71:50