District School Board of Niagara

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Selection and Approval

Textbooks and other educational resources which students are required to use as an integral part of the instructional program shall be approved in a manner consistent with the Education Act and Regulations. The Ministry of Education Trillium List includes textbooks which have been approved as meeting the eligibility and evaluation criteria. Schools are encouraged to use the Trillium List wherever possible in selecting textbooks which are defined as comprehensive resources designed to support at least 85% of the curriculum expectations.

The District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) will produce a recommended list of educational resources to support schools in their selections.

Review

The DSBN recognizes and supports the right of any parent/guardian to assume an active role in the education of his/her child. Whenever a parent/guardian is concerned about his/her child’s use of a textbook or other educational material, the parent/guardian should be encouraged to meet with the teacher/School Administrator(s) involved to outline and discuss their concerns.

A request that the use of an educational resource be discontinued on a school-wide or DSBN-wide basis must be made to the Superintendent of School Support Services. The establishment of an ad hoc committee may be deemed necessary, to review the resource and report to the Superintendent of School Support Services who would, in turn, make recommendations to the Board of Trustees for a final decision.

References

Administrative Procedure 4-04: Procedure for the Selection and Approval of Supplementary Educational Resources
Administrative Procedure 4-05: Request for Formal Reconsideration of a Supplementary Educational Resource