

Policies

Newport Public Schools Instructional Resources & Materials - Free Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials

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In accordance with RI Gen. Laws § 16-23-1 et seq. all textbooks, related instructional materials, and educational opportunities shall be provided to Newport Public School pupils at no charge.

The School Committee reserves the right to require a student to deposit a reasonable amount of money as security for the return of school property other than the books and supplies required by RI Gen. Laws § 16-23-2 to be loaned free of charge. However, no student shall be denied the use of school property solely because of his or her financial inability to pay a deposit. In those circumstances, the Superintendent shall establish an alternative mechanism for ensuring the return of school property. The business office shall hold the money so deposited and a written receipt shall be issued to the student's parents or guardians.

All student textbooks in each subject area from kindergarten through grade twelve shall be current, relevant, exist in sufficient quantities to meet pupil needs and shall be in a useable condition.

It is the responsibility of the Superintendent to ensure that each textbook adopted by the Newport School Department meets professional standards and is reviewed by the appropriate instructional staff and meets the requirements of the State Department of Education. (see RI Gen. Laws § 16-23-3). A complete policy on the selection of instructional materials follows.

Reference

RI Gen. Laws § 16-2-16; § 16-23-1 et seq.

Decisions of the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education: Sullivan v. Cumberland School Committee

History: IIA; IIAA; IIAB; EDBA, 10/9/61; EDBA-R, 7/13/76