

## **I-8 TEXTBOOK ADOPTION**

The Board shall approve all textbooks used in the school system. A Textbook Selection Committee composed of teachers, administrators and laypersons shall be appointed by the Board upon recommendation of the Superintendent, and members shall serve for a period of one (1) year.

Textbooks used in the Opelika City School System shall be selected and adopted from a list approved by the State Board of Education or from books obtainable through local contracts with individual publishers, in which case permission shall be obtained from the State Superintendent. Textbooks which have been rejected by the State Board of Education shall not be considered for future adoption by the Board, except for the length of an existing local contract approved by the State Superintendent. No textbooks may be used unless selected by the Textbook Selection Committee and upon recommendation of the Superintendent adopted by the Board

Copies of all books being considered for adoption shall be placed in each local school and in the Superintendent's office. Members of the selection committee shall examine the sample texts, consult with their own faculties and administrators and rate the texts using uniform criteria. Publishers' representatives may also be considered prior to final recommendation. The recommendation of the selection committee shall be by majority vote for each textbook.

Where textbooks are assigned in a class, every student shall have his/her own copy of the assigned textbook of correct edition, which he/she may take home each day for home study. Students may purchase a textbook at the school's cost if a specific need is identified and approved by the respective principal.

The parent, guardian or other person having custody of the child to whom textbooks are issued shall be charged for damage or lost State or Board owned textbooks.

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