

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS POLICY 6.5, 6307, AND 6308

Staff presented revisions of Policy 6.5 – Instructional Materials, 6307 – Instruction and Instructional Materials for Minority Cultures, and 6308 – Instructional and Classroom Materials Policy at a first Board Workshop on April 26, 2016. At that workshop staff received input and is now bringing additional revisions to these policies back to the Board for a second workshop for finalization. Once finalized, staff will bring the revised policies to a Board meeting for approval.

Edits were made to Policy 6.5 to remove ambiguity and to identify responsible parties in the procurement, processing, delivery, and loss or misuse of instructional materials. As more of our content comes in digital format, a statement was included to ensure proper technology usage by students. All edits that were made to Policy 6.5 were then incorporated into Policy 6308 – Instructional and Classroom Materials Policy.

Revised Policy 6308 further defines the adoption cycle and addresses the use of instructional materials. The actual title of the policy was revised to “Instructional and Digital Classroom Materials Policy” to represent the changing nature of more digital content being created, curated, and procured. Open Educational Resources (OER) are defined in policy so that they can be included in the adoption process. Revision defines the adoption committee membership and clarifies the parental role in the process. Last, the revision identifies how BCPS could conduct an independent district adoption process.

Revised Policy 6307 added three clauses to give more importance to evaluating and adopting instructional and digital materials that are diverse in content and views.