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SUBJECT: TEXTBOOKS/WORKBOOKS/CALCULATORS/INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTER HARDWARE

Textbooks

The term "textbook" shall refer to a book supplied to a student for a fixed period of time for his/her personal use and basic to the study of a subject. The Board of Education shall make provision for funds to be budgeted for the purchase of textbooks and related instructional materials.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education shall designate the textbooks to be used.

Students will be required to pay for lost books or for excessive damage to books.

Textbooks for Resident Students Attending Private Schools

Resident students attending private schools will be supplied non-sectarian textbooks in accordance with the requirements of Education Law.

Workbooks

The term "workbook" shall refer to the type of book that provides spaces to write in and is consumed each year. It is usually paper-covered and designed to be used in connection with a textbook.

Calculators

The District can require students to provide their own "supplies" (defined as something which is consumed in use, loses its appearance and shape in use, expendable, and inexpensive). Examples include pencils, pens, paper, etc. Calculators do not fall into this category and must be considered like classroom teaching materials for which the District is authorized to levy a tax. In addition, the District may purchase, and must still provide, calculators even if operating under a contingent budget if the calculators are required for participation in an educational program.

The New York State Education Department requires the use of calculators for intermediate and high school level mathematics and science assessments. To the extent that calculators are a necessary part of the educational program, the District must provide them. Under no circumstances should students be charged for a calculator or otherwise required to purchase one in order to participate in an educational program of the District. Sharing is appropriate provided the needs of all students can be met. Examples include class set of calculators, calculators available in after-school programs, etc. (see website: http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/mgtserv/charging_for_calculators.shtml)



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Students will be required to pay for lost calculators , lost batteries or for excessive damage to calculators.

20 United States Code (USC) Section 1474(e)(3)(B)

Education Law Sections 2(12), 701 et seq., 753, 754, 3602(6), 3602(26), 4401(2)(c), 4401(2)(e),
4401(2)(g),

4401(2)(i) and 4401(2)(l)

8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Sections 21.3, 100.12, 155.1(a)(4) and
175.25

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