

<b>Section:</b>	<b>Students and Instruction</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Learning Resources</b>	<b>4.1</b>

**Purpose**

To ensure learning resources for use in Mission Public Schools supports the Board’s and the Ministry of Education’s educational goals and objectives.

**Policy**

- 1) Mission Public School District will ensure that learning resources are selected and approved for use in educational programs, prior to introducing the learning resources to MPSD students. Resources must be:
  - a) A Ministry recommended specific learning resource;
  - b) A K-12 learning resource approved by the Focused Education Resources; or
  - c) A learning resource approved through a District established evaluation process that ensures the resource:
    - i) supports the learning standards or learning outcomes of the BC K-12 curriculum.
    - ii) assists students in making connections between what they learn in school and real-life applications.
    - iii) is developmentally and age appropriate.
    - iv) has effective instructional and technical design.
    - v) meets the requirements set by copyright and privacy legislation as well as traditional knowledge protocols.
    - vi) is suitable based on social considerations (see Administrative Procedure for details).
    - vii) is inclusive, aligned with curriculum and supports Reconciliation.
- 2) MPSD approved resources are publicly available from the following sites:
  - i) *Focused Education Resources K-12 Resource Collection* (<https://bcerac.ca/>)
  - ii) *Mission Public School Libraries* (<https://mpsd.follettdestiny.ca/>)
- 3) Targeted Indigenous funding must not be used:
  - to replace other funded programs such as Inclusive Education or English Language Learning;
  - for the delivery of the provincial curriculum (including courses such as BC First Nations Studies and English First Peoples);
  - to purchase textbooks and required course materials or any other Indigenous related curriculum resources.
- 4) Administrative procedures must outline the process for challenging the use of a learning resource. This challenge procedure must include a process to appeal a final decision to the Board for reconsideration.

## Background information

The Ministry of Education implemented a policy July 2017, that specifies that Boards of education may only use educational resource materials (i.e., learning resources) that the board considers appropriate, is specified in an educational program guide, or are recommended by the Minister of Education.

For curricula implemented from 2016 onwards, most educational program guides will not include a list of Ministry recommended resources. Boards may continue to use learning resources specified in educational program guides published before 2016, as appropriate. For certain courses or grades, the Ministry may still recommend the use of specific learning resources.

Any concerns or challenges to the use of a learning resource should be dealt with at the district level, according to the School District's administrative procedures. (Source: [BC Ministry of Education](#))

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*Legal Reference:* [BC Ministry of Education Learning Resource Policy, 2017](#)

*Cross Reference:* [Administrative Procedures:](#)  
[Selection of Learning Resource Materials](#)  
[Challenge of Learning Resource Materials](#)