EOU Library



Curriculum Collection Development Policy

Users & Programs Supported

Eastern Oregon University maintains a Curriculum Collection of adopted textbooks and curricular materials for the State of Oregon public school system. This collection supports the elementary and secondary curricular, research, and scholarship activities of students and faculty of the College of Education. The collection is available for use by campus based patrons, particularly teacher candidates, off-campus students, faculty, and all teachers of Eastern Oregon. This collection does not circulate.

Selection Responsibility

The responsibility for the acquisition of approved instructional materials for the Curricular Collection is delegated to a faculty librarian who shall annually solicit contributions from approved text publishers.

Selection Criteria

The emphasis of the collection is on those texts currently and regularly used in the public schools. "Instructional materials used in Oregon's classrooms need to reflect the most current information and research and be aligned to academic content standards. To this end, these instructional materials are subject, by law, to a review process and must meet established specifications and criteria in order to be approved by the State Board of Education for use in classrooms." [Oregon Department of Education Instructional Materials.]

Selection is based on the Oregon Department of Education Instructional Materials adoption criteria developed by stakeholders and formally adopted by the Oregon State Board of Education. Textbooks for identified subject areas are evaluated and selected on a seven-year rotational schedule. EOU Library staff will contact publishers of adopted materials annually and request samples be sent at no cost for inclusion in the Curriculum Collection.

Collection Scope

The receipt of gratis donations provided by approved publishers determines the extent of the collection. The collection includes curricular materials for grades K-12 in the subject areas:

- English/Language Arts/English as Second Language (ESL)
- Health/Physical Education
- Mathematics
- Science
- World Languages

- Social Sciences
- The Arts

Collection Arrangement

The curriculum samples are organized and displayed according to subject area and grade level.

Collection Maintenance

The library staff will arrange for regular, ongoing shelf reading and shelving with the objective of maintaining the physical organization, appearance and condition of the collection.

Collection Retention

Materials are kept for the duration of a seven-year cycle at which time new state adoption materials will be acquired and older materials will be withdrawn. The exceptions to this policy are some materials, such as individual art prints, which, having been identified as having extended value, will be retained and added to the main collection and allowed to circulate.