

## TEXTBOOK POLICY INCLUDING NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

In recognition of its responsibility under state law and regulation the Board of Education shall make available required public school materials, equipment and services to *Voorheesville Central School District students and* resident students who attend nonpublic schools.

### Textbook Loan

The Board recognizes that section 701 of the Education Law requires all Boards to purchase and to loan, upon individual request, textbooks to all children residing in the district who are attending grades kindergarten through twelve in any public or nonpublic school which complies with the compulsory education law. The term "textbook" shall refer to a book, hard-covered or paperback, including workbooks designed to be written in and used up, which a student is required to use as a primary source of study material intended to implement a major part of a State or Local curriculum.

It is also understood that the textbooks must be "loaned free" to the children, but Boards may make reasonable rules and regulations regarding such loan(s).

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

### Textbooks for Resident Students Attending Private Schools

The following rules and regulations shall govern the loan of textbooks to residents of the district attending nonpublic schools:

1. The textbooks shall remain the property of the district.
2. The textbooks shall be returned at the end of the nonpublic school year.
3. If lost or destroyed, the textbooks shall be paid for in the same fashion as the students attending district schools.

Capital Region BOCES is the textbook provider for Voorheesville Central School District. Each year, BOCES notifies families of private school students about dates for returning textbooks at the end of the school year and arranges to have textbooks delivered to the child's school for the start of the school year. Parents of pupils attending non-public schools are responsible for following textbook loan procedures as set forth by the non-public school in accordance with BOCES.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to establish any and all rules, regulations, and procedures necessary to implement and maintain this policy

Ref: Education Law §§701; 751-754; 1709; 3204; 3602-c  
 8 NYCRR §175.25; 21.3  
 Mitchell v. Helms, 530 U.S. 793 (2000)  
 Russman v. Sobol, 85 F.3d 1050 (2d Cir. 1996)  
 Zobrest v. Catalina Foothills Sch. Dist., 509 U.S. 1 (1993)  
 Aguilar v. Felton, 473 U.S. 402 (1985)  
 Board of Educ. v. Allen, 392 U.S. 236 (1968)

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