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Spencerport Central School District

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Instruction

SUBJECT: LOAN OF TEXTBOOKS GRADES K –12 – NONPUBLIC SCHOOL PUPILS

Chapter 587 of the Laws of 1973, effective July 1, 1973, amended Section 701 of the Education Law to provide in part that “Textbooks loaned to children enrolled in grades seven (7) to twelve (12) of private schools shall be textbooks which are designated for use in any public, elementary or secondary schools of the State as approved by any Board of Education, trustees or other school authorities.

Section 21.2 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, promulgated pursuant to Section 701, provides in part that all textbooks loaned to nonpublic school students” must be required for a semester or more in a particular class as a primary source of study material intended to implement a major part of a State curriculum or a State-denominational edition which contain the approval of a religious authority” may not be purchased or loaned.

Responsibility for review of all textbooks purchased for loan to nonpublic school pupils rests with the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.

Suggested Revision

Section 701 of the Education Law requires all School Boards to purchase and loan textbooks, workbooks, and manuals, for example, to all children residing in the District who attend kindergarten through 12th grade in any non-public school that complies with the Education Law. Encyclopedias, newspapers, magazines, audiovisual materials and review books are not considered textbooks. Textbooks may be purchased only for resident students. Textbooks must be considered nonsectarian and designated for use in any public elementary or secondary school of the state or approved by any School Board.

Responsibility for review of all textbooks purchased for loan to non-public school pupils rests with the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction.

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