

(b) Efforts of education authorities in North Carolina and local districts to provide for all children text and library books which rectify adverse attitudes toward minority groups;

(c) Methods of selection, assignment, and distribution of text and library books for school use;

(d) The uses of the provisions of Federal educational legislation for the increase in supply of text and library resources for the schools in our State;

(e) Anticipated continued needs for these kinds of support; and

(f) Proportion of this assistance in total budget for texts and school library use.

GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO TEXT AND LIBRARY BOOKS

The State of North Carolina and its county and city school administrative units select, adopt, and distribute (a) basal texts, (b) supplementary texts, and (c) library books.

Basal texts

The basal text, of course, is that supplied to each pupil within a given grade or class—for instance, the geography text used by all children within the sixth grade.

The State of North Carolina supplies without cost one or more basal texts in each subject area to each pupil in grades 1 to 8. In the secondary school, grades 9 to 12, the State provides basal textbooks in most country and city school administrative units on a rental basis.

The rental fee is not to exceed \$5 a year. In order to prevent the rental fee for secondary school basal textbooks from exceeding \$5, the State legislature appropriates \$5 per year per pupil to apply to the total cost.

In other words, the State has at the secondary school level the equivalent of a 50-percent-free basal textbook system. A few of the State's 169 school administrative units own basal textbooks and operate their own rental system, but the rental fee cannot exceed that charged to pupils in the State rental system.

Currently, there are available to North Carolina's 1,200,000 public school pupils an estimated 11,150,000 basal textbooks.

Supplementary texts

The supplementary texts, of course, are those which are used to supplement and enrich the basal text. The State legislature provides \$2 per pupil annually for supplementary texts in grades 1 to 8. County and city units also appropriate funds for this purpose.

Currently there are available to North Carolina public school pupils, chiefly for the 850,000 at the elementary level, an estimated 8 million supplementary textbooks.

Library books

Library books are purchased by county and city boards of education with funds made available by State, local, and Federal governments. Through gifts many additional library books are provided.

Currently there are in the libraries of the public schools of North Carolina approximately 11,300,000 volumes.