

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CRITERIA

APPENDIX 2: SEX BIAS

Review the instructional materials using the following criteria:

- Materials foster the value that men and women are equal.
- Male and female characters reflect qualities such as leadership, intelligence, imagination, and courage.
- Male and female characters are represented as central characters in story and illustration.
- Biographical or historical materials include a variety of male and female contributions to society.
- Stereotyping language such as “women chatting/men discussing” is avoided.
- Groups which include males and females are referenced in neutral language such as: mail carriers, firefighters, police officers, legislators, people, etc.

Adapted from: *Washington Models for the Evaluation of Bias Content in Instructional Materials*, Equality and Civil Rights Office, OSPI, November 2008.