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September 3, 2014

Dear Parent:

Welcome to another exciting school year. I am pleased to report that our instructional program in grades K-12 is supported by curricular materials, textbooks and on-line access, in the areas of literacy, mathematics and science. New textbooks in these areas were first distributed in our schools in the fall 2012. In the late spring of 2014, we expanded the program to social studies, for grades 7-12, by ordering new textbooks, along with on-line access, in preparation for the new 2014-15 school year.

The district partners with our schools to fulfill the commitment to provide books for all students. Each year, after all efforts have been made at the school level to retrieve the books in the inventory, the district works with the schools to ensure that adequate quantities are available for all classes for the next school year.

Students will receive textbooks, which have been bar-coded for inventory purposes and checked out to them. The textbooks checked out to the students are the property of the Bridgeport Public Schools. We want our students to take the books home and use the books to complete their school assignments, until it is time to return the books to the school, at the end of the school year, or semester for half-year courses in high schools.

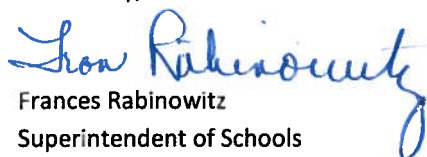
I am writing to inform you of the responsibilities of our students and expectations for safeguarding the books entrusted to them.

- Students are responsible for the care and preservation of the textbooks checked out to them.
- Students are to protect all textbooks from damage.
- All textbooks must be returned in good, usable condition, with the barcode still attached to the book, at the end of the semester or school year.
- If a textbook is not returned, lost or damaged in any way, the school will notify parents and seek financial assistance in providing a replacement. If financial assistance is not provided by parents, the school will have to bear the burden of the costs for replacing or repairing the text book.

Please speak with your children to reinforce the importance of caring properly for the textbooks. In this way, our collective efforts will extend the life of the books and thereby conserve resources at both the district and school levels.

Thank you for your support of your children's education and the partnership that is so vital to contributing to the success of our schools.

Yours truly,

  
Frances Rabinowitz  
Superintendent of Schools