
LIBRARY MATERIALS SELECTION AND ADOPTION

The Board of Education recognizes that the responsibility of the school library is to:

1. Provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities and maturity levels of the students it serves;
2. Provide materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values and ethical standards;
3. Provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that young citizens may develop under guidance the practice of critical reading and thinking;
4. Provide a background of information that will enable students to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives;
5. Provide materials representative of the many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritage; and
6. Place principle above personal opinion and reason above prejudice in the selection of materials of the highest quality in order to assure a comprehensive collection appropriate for the users of the library.

The librarian will be responsible for evaluation and recommendation of all library materials recommended to be included in the school library within the aforesaid guidelines and for the determination of factual accuracy, readability, authoritativeness, integrity and quality of format.

Gifts of library books will be accepted in keeping with the above policy on selection

If any person wishes to permanently remove materials from a school district library, he/she must seek the formal approval of the Board through the process outlined in the supporting regulation. The Board's determination will be based upon the educational suitability of the materials in question. Only the Board and/or the Superintendent may authorize said permanent removal of instructional materials, pursuant to the decision of the Board.

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