

LIBRARY MATERIALS SELECTION AND ADOPTION

The board endorses the School Library Bill of Rights, as adopted by the American Library Association, which asserts 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 served;
2. provide materials that will stimulate growth in global knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, critical thinking, and ethical standards;
3. provide a background of information that will enable students to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives;
4. provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that young citizens may develop under guidance the practice of critical reading and thinking;
5. provide materials representative of the many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups and their contributions to American as well as global heritages; 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.

Initial purchase suggestions for library materials may come from all personnel -- teachers, coordinators, and administrators. Students will also be encouraged to make suggestions. At the high school and the middle school, the principal will be responsible for evaluation and recommendation of all library materials recommended to be included in the school library; at the elementary level, building principal's will be responsible for evaluation and recommendation of all library materials recommended for a particular building. Final approval and authority for distribution of funds will rest with the building principal, subject to the approval of the superintendent and in keeping with the board-approved budget.

Gifts of library books will be accepted in keeping with the above policy on selection. Complaints about library books will be handled in line with board policy on complaints about instructional materials.

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