

LIBRARY MATERIAL 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 factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards.
3. Provide a background of information that will enable students to make intelligent judgment 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 our American heritage.
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, administrators. Students will also be encouraged to make suggestions. The librarian will be responsible for evaluation and recommendation of all library materials recommended to be included in the school library. Final approval and authority for distribution of funds will rest with the building principal and curriculum director subject to the approval of the Superintendent and in keeping with the Board— approved budget.

As a school library we reserve the right to uphold parents' restrictions for students up to the age of eighteen. Collections at the elementary levels are appropriate for the variety of ages of our learners. Because the 6-12th grade students share a library, those materials recommended for grades 9-12 are labeled with a high school tag. Parents/guardians are given the opportunity to sign a permission slip if their middle school student can check out the materials recommended for grades 9-12. Professional review sites including Common Sense Media and School Library Journal are used to make the grade determinations.

Gifts of library books will be accepted with no restrictions 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.

Policy:
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