

R 2530 RESOURCE MATERIALS

The Board provides a library/media center and media specialist services in each school. Libraries / media centers are to open as soon after the opening of school as possible and to remain open until a date determined by the Superintendent.

The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority for the selection of materials. The Principal will be directly responsible to the ~~Assistant Superintendent~~ **Superintendent or his/her designee** for the selection of materials in accordance with the following objectives.

1. To provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities and maturity levels of the students served;
2. To provide materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, esthetic values and ethical standards;
3. To provide a background of information which will enable students to make intelligent judgments in their daily life;
4. To provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that young citizens may develop under guidance the practice of critical reading and thinking;
5. To provide materials representative of the many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritage; and
6. To place principles 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 Principal and librarian / media specialist will take into account the following Board policies in regard to the selection of materials which may be challenged by citizens of the community.

1. Religion - Factual, unbiased material which represents all major religions may be included in the library collections;
2. Ideologies - The libraries / media centers shall make available basic, factual information on the level of their reading public, on any ideology or philosophy which exerts a strong force either favorably or unfavorably in government, current events, politics, education, or any other phase of life; and



3. Sex and Profanity - Materials presenting some aspects of sexuality shall be subjected to a test of literary merit and reality by the librarian, who shall take into consideration the reading public and accepted public moral standards. The fact of sexual incidents or profanity appearing shall not automatically disqualify a book. The decision shall be made on the basis of whether a book presents life in its true proportions, whether circumstances are realistically dealt with, and whether a book is of literary value. Many works of literature important in our culture contain isolated elements to which some individuals may object.

However, the value and impact of any literary work must be examined as a whole, and not in part; the impact of the entire work transcending words, phrases, or incidents out of which it is made. Factual material of an educational nature on the level of the reader public shall be included.

Librarians / media specialist will examine all books for discrimination, sex, race, ethnic background, and religious stereotyping. Materials in doubt will be referred to the district Affirmative Action Officer.

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