

LIBRARY MATERIALS SELECTION AND ADOPTION

All types of materials for school libraries shall be recommended for purchase by the certificated personnel of the libraries and approved by the Superintendent or his designee. Consultation will take place with the administration, faculty, students, or parents as found desirable.

All materials selected shall be consistent with the state principles of selection which apply to all instructional and library materials.

Additionally, in maintaining and augmenting school library collections, persons responsible for selection of materials shall strive:

To meet the needs of the individual school based on knowledge or the curriculum and the stated needs of administrators and teachers.

To meet the needs of individual students, according to both the stated needs of students and general understanding of children's interests.

To provide materials of high artistic and literary quality.

To provide a balanced collection, with a fair proportion of each type of material selected to meet the needs of the curriculum, the students, and professional staff at all levels.

In order to maintain a current and highly usable collection of materials, media specialists shall provide for continuing renewal of the collection, not only by addition of up-to-date materials, but by the judicious elimination of materials which no longer meet needs or find use.

Materials will not be accepted as gifts if they represent one side of a controversy and the library-media center does not have or cannot obtain the other side of the issue. Gifts must be in keeping with the district's stated principle of selection: to provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues to that young citizens may develop, under guidance, the practice of analytical reading and thinking.

Gifts are to be accepted with the following provisions:

They shall be housed at the discretion of the librarian.

They will be kept in the district only if they can be of active value to the collection.

The librarian retains the right to dispose of gift materials as deemed necessary.

There will be no special requirements attached to gifts by the giver.

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