

Lewistown School District

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Library Materials

School library and classroom library books are provided primarily for use by District students and staff. Library books may be checked out by either students or staff. Individuals who check out books are responsible for the care and timely return of those materials. The building principal may assess fines for damaged or unreturned books.

District residents or parents/guardians of non-resident students attending the District may be allowed use of library books at the discretion of the building principal. However, such access shall not interfere with regular school use of those books. Use of the library books outside of the District is prohibited except for inter-library loan agreements with other libraries.

Any individual may challenge the selection of materials for the library/media center. The Procedure for Reconsideration of Challenged Materials shall be utilized to determine if the challenged material is properly located in the library.

Selection of Library Materials

The District has libraries in every school with the primary objective of implementing and supporting the educational program in the schools. It is the objective of these libraries to provide a wide range of materials on all appropriate levels of difficulty, with diversity of appeal and the presentation of different points of view.

The provision of a wide variety of library materials at all reading levels supports the District's basic principle that the school in a free society assists all students to develop their talents fully so that they become capable of contributing to the further good of that society.

In support of these objectives, the Board reaffirms the principles of intellectual freedom inherent in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and expressed in the School Library Bill of Rights, endorsed by the American Association of School Librarians in 1969.

Although the Superintendent is responsible for the selection of library materials, the ultimate responsibility rests with the Board.

The Board, acting through the Superintendent, thereby delegates the authority for the selection of library materials to the principal in each of the schools. The principal further delegates that authority to the librarian in the school.

(NOTE: BY STATUTE, THE SUPERINTENDENT HAS AUTHORITY AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SELECTION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD. THE SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD MAY NOT WANT TO DELEGATE THE RESPONSIBILITY.)

Cross Reference: 2314 Learning Materials Review
4310P Uniform Grievance Procedure

Legal Reference: ' 20-4-402(5), MCA Duties of district superintendent or county high
school principal
' 20-7-203, MCA Trustees policies for school library
' 20-7-204, MCA School library book selection

Policy History:

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