

INSTRUCTION

Library Media Centers/Professional Libraries/Content Committee

1. A. _____ Generally

Each school shall maintain an organized library media center as the resource center of the school and provide a unified program of media services and activities for students and teachers. This facility shall contain as print and digital resources, which are sufficient to meet research, inquiry and reading requirements of the instructional program and general student interest.

Subject to approval by the School Board, selected media centers or libraries may be opened and staffed during a limited number of early morning, afternoon and/or evening hours.

2. B. _____ Materials and Equipment

Each school shall provide a variety of materials and equipment to support the instructional program.

3. C. _____ Professional Libraries

Professional materials for use by school employees shall be maintained in each media center or in the central administration office.

D. Content Committee

The Superintendent or designee shall create a Content Committee and assign senior staff members and at least four Library Media Specialists, and other knowledgeable staff members to serve on the Content Committee. The School Board Attorney or designee shall serve as the Content Committee liaison and provide advice. The purpose of the Content Committee will be to develop procedures to be used by the schools to ensure that elementary school library materials do not contain sexually explicit content. The Content Committee shall develop procedures for identifying incoming library materials at the secondary level libraries that contain sexually explicit content and for listing any such library material that meets that definition in a prominent location on the School Division website. "Sexually explicit content" shall have the same meaning as that term is set forth in Code of Virginia §2.2-2827, as amended.

Legal Reference

Code of Virginia §2.2-2827, as amended. Restrictions on state employee access to information infrastructure.

Virginia Board of Education Regulations 8 VAC 20-131-10 *et seq.*, as amended. Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia

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I move to amend policy 6-65 to add section:

D. Content Committee

The Superintendent or Designee shall create a committee comprised of senior staff, the School Board attorney, and at least four Library Media Specialists for the purposes of developing a process to ensure there is no sexually explicit content, as defined by Virginia Code §2.2-2827 in elementary school libraries. The committee shall develop a process for incoming materials at the secondary level meeting the definition of sexually explicit content, as defined by Virginia Code §2.2-2827 to be placed on a list located in a prominent location on the division website.

Virginia Code: 2.2-2827

"Sexually explicit content" means (i) any description of or (ii) any picture, photograph, drawing, motion picture film, digital image or similar visual representation depicting sexual bestiality, a lewd exhibition of nudity, as nudity is defined in § 18.2-390, sexual excitement, sexual conduct or sadomasochistic abuse, as also defined in § 18.2-390, coprophilia, urophilia, or fetishism.