

Salinas City Elementary School District

Instruction

Policy #6163.1

LIBRARY MATERIALS

It is the policy of the Board to maintain quality library collections in each school. The Board directs the Superintendent to develop and maintain library materials in each school that enrich and strengthen the educational program.

The responsibility for the selection of library materials may be delegated by the Superintendent to professionally trained staff who shall be responsible for the identification, selection and organization of library materials which will support the educational program.

The selection of library materials shall be a continuing process. Each school may recommend selections to be added to the district list. Schools wishing to add titles to the list shall form a school level selection committee composed of the principal, teachers, and parents. Students may serve on the committee when appropriate. Library reviewing sources and selective lists which have achieved national acceptance in the profession shall be consulted in the selection process.

Criteria for Selection of Library Materials

1. Materials shall be chosen for values of interest, information and enlightenment of all the people of the community. In no case should library materials be excluded because of the race or nationality, or the social, political or religious views of the authors.
2. Libraries should provide books and other materials presenting all points of view concerning the problems and issues of our times.
3. Materials selected from professionally accepted reviewing sources and lists may be used for the selection of library materials.
4. Additional criteria shall include (a) providing support to the curriculum; (b) encouraging growth in knowledge and ethical standards; (c) developing literary, cultural and aesthetic appreciation; (d) consideration of students' abilities and backgrounds.

Donated Materials

Donated materials shall be screened by the school principal for compliance with the district's criteria for selection of library materials. All donated materials become the property of the district.