

1 Great Falls School District

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3 **INSTRUCTION**

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5 Selection of Library Materials

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

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

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16 In support of these objectives, the Board reaffirms the principles of intellectual freedom inherent
17 in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and guided by the principles set
18 forth in the American Library Association’s Library Bill of Rights and its interpretation for
19 school libraries.

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

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

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29 Legal References:

30 § 20-4-402(5), MCA Duties of District Superintendent or High School Principal

31 § 20-7-203, MCA Trustees’ Policies for School Library

32 § 20-7-204, MCA School Library Book Selection

33 Library Bill of Rights

34 American Library Association

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36 Policy History

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