

Policy

MEDIA CENTER/LIBRARY

The district's media center/library shall contain a wide range of materials on all levels of difficulty, appealing to diverse tastes, and presenting different points of view. Every pupil shall have access to a media collection containing materials appropriate to age level, interests and courses of study.

The Superintendent/Principal has final responsibility for the selection of media center/library materials by professionally trained personnel--media specialists, teachers and supervisors. Requests from faculty and pupils shall be given consideration.

In selecting materials to recommend for purchase, the media specialist shall evaluate the existing collection and consult reputable, unbiased, professionally prepared selection aids, and specialists from all departments and/or all grade levels. Of primary consideration in the purchase of new materials shall be those materials which will enhance pupils' understanding of the state's Core Curriculum Content Standards.

In addition to standard book materials, the Haworth Board of Education shall provide for the use of a wide variety of audiovisual materials and equipment to enhance the curriculum. Media center/library materials that enhance curriculum will be available to staff for use in the classroom.

Teaching staff are encouraged to develop class assignments that require use of the media center/library center and material as a way to expand the students' ability to practice interdisciplinary and higher order thinking in the completion of classroom assignments.

The media center/library shall offer a continuous program of instruction in library and study skills, preparing pupils for independent use of learning resources and for development of reading, listening and viewing abilities and tastes.

The Superintendent/Principal or his or her designee shall develop and present for board approval a media center/library program to provide necessary space, personnel and material to implement this policy.

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Legal References: N.J.A.C. 6A:9-13.14 School library media specialist
N.J.A.C. 6A:9-13.15 Associate school library media specialist
N.J.A.C. 6A:9-13.16 Professional librarian

Board of Education Island Trees U.F.S.D. v. Pico, 457 U.S. 853 (1982)

Possible

Cross References: *1312 Community complaints and inquiries
*6161.1 Guidelines for evaluation and selection of instructional materials
*6161.2 Complaints regarding instructional materials

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy.