

Library Materials Selection and Collection Management

Section A - Introduction

The Board of Education supports the principles of intellectual freedom inherent in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

Section B - Selection and Management of Library Materials

The following guidelines will be used in the selection and management of the district's library materials:

1. Books and other library materials are selected on the basis of literary, educational, cultural, informational, and recreational value within the framework of policies determined by the Board of Education.
2. No title is excluded on the basis of actual or perceived moral, racial, religious, or political prejudice. Titles are selected, within the limitations of the budget, on the basis of curricular needs and other student interests. Suggestions from students, faculty, and staff are encouraged and will be given due consideration.
3. Selection is a continuous process that involves:
 - a. the acquisition of materials through identification, preview, and evaluation of materials;
 - b. the removal of materials deemed no longer necessary or appropriate; and
 - c. the replacement of lost or worn materials still of educational value.
4. Selection is conducted by professional librarians, subject to review by the Principal or designee. These librarians, subject to review by the Principal or designee are also responsible for weeding the collection, considering gift items, and evaluating student, faculty, and staff suggestions for purchase.
5. The collection will be weeded systematically in order to withdraw materials that are out of date, no longer circulating, unnecessarily duplicative, worn, or mutilated. The library will not automatically replace all items that are withdrawn due to loss, damage, or heavy use. Decisions to replace materials will be based on the value described in paragraph 1 above, as well as community interest and the availability of later editions and new materials.
6. Within the framework of policies determined by the Board of Education, the libraries generally follow the "[Freedom to Read](#)" statement, the "[Freedom to View](#)" statement, the "[Labeling Library Materials](#)" statement, "[The Library Bill of Rights](#)," and the "[Access to Resources and Services in the School Library](#)" of the American Library Association.
7. The library media program adheres to the principles of the American Library Association's *Library Bill of Rights*, which indicates that material should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
8. Any member of the public may inspect library materials. Any resident of the school district may challenge library materials used in the district's educational program on the basis of appropriateness, pursuant to 6:230 Procedures - Library Materials Selection and Collection Management.
9. The Principal or designee will accept a completed "Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials" form concerning specific materials, and retention of any such materials will be determined in accordance with the procedures of this policy.

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