

Title: School Media Centers

The District will maintain a school media center in each school building for use by employees and by students during the school day.

Materials for the media centers will be acquired according to Board policy, “Instructional Materials Selection.” The district shall provide access to all parents and guardians of students enrolled in the district an online catalog of all books available to students in the school libraries. This access will be displayed on the school district’s website.

It is the responsibility of the Library Media Program Lead and the principal of the building in which the school library is located to oversee the use of materials in the media center.

It is the responsibility of the Superintendent to develop procedures for the selection and replacement of both media center and instructional materials, for the acceptance of gifts, for the weeding of media center and instructional materials and for the handling of challenges to either media center or classroom materials.

School libraries will provide access to:

- Technologies for information retrieval, production and idea development,
- Resources to enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities and maturity levels of the students served,
- Resources to stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values and ethical standards,
- Resources representing opposing sides of controversial issues so that with guidance young citizens may develop the practice of critical reading and thinking, and
- Resources representative of the religious, ethnic, social and cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritage.

Cross References:

602, 603, 604, 605, 615, 616

Legal References:

Iowa Code, Chapters 256.7(24), 256.11(9)
279.8, 280.6.14, 301, 281 IAC 12.3(11 12)

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