

Clark County School District No. 161

INSTRUCTION

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Selection of Library Materials

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

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

In support of these objectives, the Board reaffirms the principles of intellectual freedom inherent in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and expressed in the School Library Bill of Rights, endorsed by the American Association of School Librarians in 1969.

Responsibility for Selection of Materials

The Board, acting through the Superintendent, delegates the authority for the selection of library materials to the principal in each of the schools. The principal further delegates that authority to the trained personnel employed in the school.

Criteria for Selection of Instructional Materials

Needs of the individual school based on knowledge of the curriculum and of the existing collection are given first consideration.

Materials for purchase are considered on the basis of:

- Overall purpose
- Timeliness of permanence
- Importance of the subject matter
- Quality of the writing/production
- Readability and popular appeal
- Authoritativeness Reputation of the publisher/producer
- Reputation and significance of the author/artist/composer/producer etc.
- Format and price

Request from the faculty and students are also given consideration.

Policy History:

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