

Instruction

LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTERS

Goals Of The Library Program

District libraries should serve as an integral part of the total educational plan. The goal of the library program is the attainment of optimum education by the student. Libraries should provide materials in all areas of the curriculum; meet the individual and personal needs of students; provide guidance in library use and make resources available which will promote interest in self-directing learning.

The Governing Board endorses the School Library Bill of Rights as drawn by the American Library Association, which asserts that the responsibility of the school library is:

1. To provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities and maturity levels of the students served.
2. To provide materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards.
3. To provide background information which will enable students to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives.
4. To provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that young citizens may develop under guidance the practice of critical reading and thinking.
5. To provide materials representative of the many religious, ethnic and cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritage.
6. To place principle above personal opinion and reason above prejudice in the selection of materials of the highest quality in order to assure a comprehensive collection appropriate for the users of the library.

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