Dupree School District	NEPN Code: IIAC
Policy Manual	

Library Materials Selection and Adoption

The Board endorses the School Library Bill of Rights, as adopted by the American Library Association. In selecting library materials, the District will:

1. Provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities, and maturity levels of the students served.

2. Provide materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards.

3. Provide a well-balanced and broad collection of materials that will enable students to make informed judgments in their daily lives.

4. Provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that young citizens may develop under guidance the practice of critical reading and thinking.

5. Provide diversity in materials, representative of the many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritage.

6. Place principle above opinion and reason above prejudice in the selection of materials of the highest quality to assure a comprehensive collection appropriate for the users of the library.

The District will not select obscene library matter or materials. For the purposes of this policy, obscenity will be defined as meeting all three (3) of the following conditions:

- The dominant theme of which, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest, which is a shameful or morbid interest in nudity, sex, or excretion, which goes substantially beyond customary limits of candor in description or representation of such matters; and
- Patently offensive because it affronts contemporary community standard relating to the description or representation of sado-masochistic abuse or sexual conduct; and
- Lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.

Initial purchase suggestions for library materials may come from all personnel; teachers, coordinators, and/or administrators. Students will also be encouraged to make suggestions. The librarian will be responsible for evaluation and recommendations of all library materials to be included in the school library. Lost and worn materials with continuing educational value will be replaced. Items obsolete, outdated, or irrelevant will be removed. Final approval and authority for distribution of funds will rest with the building principal, subject to the approval of the Superintendent and in keeping with the Board-approved budget.

Gifts of library books will be accepted in keeping with the above policy on selection. Complaints about library books will be handled in line with Board policy on complaints about instructional materials.

Criteria for Materials Selection

Selection of library material will be based on:

- Relevancy or permanent value
- Accuracy
- Authoritativeness
- Readability
- Clear presentation and format
- Educational significance
- Need and value to the collection
- Age appropriateness

Gifts of books will be accepted in keeping with the above policy on selection. Complaints about library books will be handled according to the attached reconsideration procedure.

This policy will be published on the district's website and/or annually in the district's designated newspaper.

Policy References: Legal references indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy, and policy cross-references identify additional policies related to the subject matter of the above policy.

State	Description
SDCL 22-24-25	Municipal and county power to regulate obscene materials or obscene live conduct not preempted.
SDCL 22-24-27	Obscenity and public indecency - definition of terms
SDCL 22-24-55	Restrict access to obscene materials
SDCL 22-24-57	Complying public school or library not liable for damages

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