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Media Center/Library

The district's media centers shall contain a wide range of materials on all levels of difficulty, appealing to diverse tastes, and presenting different points of view. Every pupil shall have access to a media collection containing materials appropriate to age level, interests and courses of study.

The chief school administrator has final responsibility for the selection of media center materials by professionally trained personnel--media specialists, teachers, principals and supervisors. Requests from faculty and pupils shall be given consideration.

In selecting materials to recommend for purchase, the media specialist shall evaluate the existing collection and consult reputable, unbiased, professionally prepared selection aids, and specialists from all departments and/or all grade levels.

In addition to standard book materials, the board shall provide for the use of a wide variety of audiovisual materials and equipment to enhance the curriculum.

The media centers shall offer a continuous program of instruction in library and study skills, preparing pupils for independent use of learning resources and for development of reading, listening and viewing abilities and tastes.

The chief school administrator shall develop and present for board approval a media center/library program to provide necessary space, personnel and material to implement this policy.

Key Words

Library, Media Center, Audiovisual Materials

Legal References

N.J.A.C. 6A 13-2.3 Standards-based instruction
N.J.A.C. 6A 9B-12.14 School library media specialist
N.J.A.C. 6A 9B-12.15 Associate school library media specialist
47 U.S.C. 254(h) Children's Internet Protection Act
Board of Education Island Trees U.F.S.D. v. Pico, 457 U.S. 853 (1982)

Cross References

1312 - Sample Policy: Community Complaints and Inquiries
6161.1 - Sample Policy: Guidelines for the Evaluation and Selection of Instructional Materials and Resources
6161.2 - Sample Policy: Complaints Regarding Instructional Materials

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