

Policy

SCHOOL MEDIA CENTERS

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Materials Selection Policy

Educational materials shall be chosen keeping in mind the best interests of the students, the school, the curriculum, and the community. Any educational materials shall not be excluded or promoted solely because of the race, nationality, or the political or religious views of the writer.

There shall be the fullest practical provisions of materials presenting all points of view concerning the problems and issues of our times.

We believe it is the right and responsibility of teachers and media specialists to select reading material, which is carefully balanced to include various points of view on any controversial subject.

Since materials are selected to provide for the interest and needs of the school community and the school program, they will be selected cooperatively by teachers, principals, superintendents, media specialists, community members, and sometimes with the assistance of students.

The selection of materials will be assisted by the reading examination, and checking of standard evaluation aids (i.e., standard catalogues and book review digests).

Two basic factors, truth and art, will be considered in the selection of books and other media center materials. The first is factual accuracy, authoritativeness, balance, and integrity. The second is a quality of stimulating presentation, imagination, vision, and creativeness, style appropriate to the idea, vitality, and distinction

Materials for the school media center shall be examined to select those in which the presentation and the subject matter are suitable for the grade and the interest level at which they are to be used. They will be considered in relation to both the curriculum and to the personal interest of pupils and the teachers.

The "School Library Bill of Rights," the "Student's Right to Read," and the AASL "Statement of Policies and Procedures for Selection of School Library Material" have been used in formulating this policy.

Any complaint must be made in writing to an administrator of the school the material is in question.

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