

LIBRARY MATERIALS SELECTION AND ADOPTION

As the governing body of the school district, it is the responsibility of the Board of Education to provide circulating material and reference service to meet or supplement the needs of the students and teachers in the school system. The responsibility for the selection of the materials lies with the librarians, teachers and administrators in consultation with parents and students as appropriate. The acquisition of materials into the library will be in compliance with the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools criteria, State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Media Standards, and criteria established by the district.

Teachers in each area are invited to submit to the librarians a selection of books for the purpose of instruction. Should there be additional needs, selection will be the librarians' responsibility.

Librarians serve on each curriculum development council. Participation on these district committees provides information for additional resources needed.

Objectives for the Selection of Library Materials

The Board of Education recognizes the need to:

Enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities and maturity levels of the students served.

Stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards.

Provide background information which will enable students to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives.

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

Be representative of the contributions to our American heritage from the many religious, ethnic and cultural groups.

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.

Use existing special criteria for the selection of all kinds of material such as print, non-print, electronic, etc., for all subject areas. The general criteria which may be applied to all acquisitions are as follows:

Material should have permanent or timely values.

The information should be accurate.

Material should be presented in a clear manner.

Material should be authoritative.

The materials should have significance.

Materials should be provided in a variety of formats to meet the needs of individual students.

The above-mentioned criteria will also apply to any gift of materials, or to the selection of materials for a monetary gift from an individual or group.

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Cross Refs: KH, Public Gifts to Schools
KLB, Public Complaints about the Curriculum and
Instructional or Media Materials

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