

Library/Media Center Materials Selection and Adoption

Materials for school libraries/media centers shall be recommended for purchase by the principals and professional personnel of the libraries/media centers and approved by the superintendent or designee. In selecting materials for purchase, the existing collection shall be evaluated and decisions for acquisition shall be determined by consulting reputable, unbiased, professionally prepared selection aids. Consultation shall take place with the administration, faculty, students or parents as found desirable.

All materials selected shall be consistent with the principles of selection that apply to all instructional materials. Library/media center materials shall support the district's educational objectives.

Library/media center materials shall be selected to:

1. Enrich the curriculum
2. Further the development of youth intellectually, emotionally and culturally
3. Meet the needs of individual students according to both the stated needs of students and general understanding of students' interest
4. Provide a balanced collection with a fair proportion of each type of material selected
5. Provide a wide range of materials with diversity of appeal and different points of view

Materials will include online electronic resources such as electronic books (ebooks) and databases from a variety of online providers, including the public library system. These free resources will be a valuable part of the schools' resources but are not subject to the same collection management criteria as those purchased and managed by the district.

In order to maintain a current and highly usable collection of materials, library/media specialists shall provide for continuing renewal of the collection, budget permitting, not only by addition of up-to-date materials but also by the judicious elimination of materials which no longer meet needs.

Gifts to the libraries/media centers may be accepted if they meet the criteria established for the selection of instructional materials and with the approval of the superintendent.

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