

Library Materials Selection and Adoption

Materials for school libraries shall be recommended for purchase by the professional personnel of the libraries and approved by the superintendent or designee. Consultation shall take place with the administration, faculty, students and parents in selecting materials.

All library materials selected shall be consistent with the stated principles of selection, which apply to all instructional materials. Library materials shall support the district's educational objectives, including that all students meet or exceed district content standards.

In addition to other action required by Board policy IJ, Instructional Materials, persons responsible for the selection of library materials shall strive to meet the needs of the individual school based on knowledge of district content standards and the stated needs of administrators, teachers and students.

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

Gifts to the library may be accepted if they meet the criteria established for the selection of instructional materials.

All instructional resources and materials including library materials shall be available for inspection by parents and guardians.

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Statement of Purpose

The district accepts the School Library Bill of Rights and the recommendations for media centers outlined in the current American Library Association and Association for Educational Communication and Technology Standards as endorsed by the Colorado State Board of Education. Implementation will be accomplished as follows:

1. The collections in the instructional materials centers are developed systematically so that they are well-balanced in coverage of subjects, types of materials and quality of content.
2. Materials are to be evaluated by instructional materials center personnel before purchase.
3. Administrators and staff are expected to make purchase recommendations to the school instructional materials center personnel.
4. Students are encouraged to make suggestions for acquisition of materials.
5. The collections are continuously re-evaluated by instructional materials center personnel in relation to changing curricula, new instructional methods, and needs of students, staff and administration.
6. In order that good service be provided for teachers and students, materials are purchased throughout the school year as needed.
7. Authority for materials to be acquired rests with the instructional materials center personnel and administrators. The Board is responsible for all matters relating to the operation of media centers in district schools.

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