

EVALUATION AND SELECTION OF MEDIA CENTER MATERIALS

The board of education subscribes in principle to the following statement of policy expressed by the American Association of School Librarians:

The professional staff of this school district is concerned with the development of informed and responsible students. To this goal we assert that the media center is:

1. To provide materials that will enrich the student as an individual and support the curriculum, taking into consideration individual needs, and the varied interests, abilities, socioeconomic backgrounds and maturity levels of the students served.
2. To provide materials that will stimulate growth in knowledge and develop literary, cultural and aesthetic appreciation and ethical standards.
3. To provide materials on all sides of issues, beliefs and ideas so that young citizens may develop the habit of critical thinking, reading, listening and viewing. Thus, they are enabled to develop an intellectual integrity in forming judgments.
4. To provide materials which accurately reflect all religious, social, political and ethnic groups, and their contributions to our American heritage, as well as knowledge and appreciation of history and culture.
5. To provide a comprehensive collection of instructional materials which, when selected in compliance with basic selection principles, can be defended on the basis of their appropriateness for the users of the media center.

Reference: Printed materials of American Association of School Librarians
Required in State Department of Education accreditation review