

INSTRUCTION

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Library Materials

Media personnel are concerned with generating understanding of American freedoms through the development of informed and responsible citizens. To this end the American Association of School librarians asserts that the responsibility of the school library media center is:

1. To provide a comprehensive collection of instructional materials selected in compliance with basic, written selection principles, and to provide maximum accessibility to these materials.
2. To provide material that will support the curriculum, taking into consideration the individual's needs, and the varied interests, abilities, socioeconomic back- grounds and maturity levels of students served.
3. To provide materials which reflect the ideas and beliefs of religious, social, political, historical, and ethnic groups and their contribution to the American and world heritage and culture, and thereby enabling students to develop an intellectual integrity in forming judgments.
4. To provide a written statement, approved by the local Boards of Education, of the procedures for meeting the challenge of censorship of materials in school library media centers.
5. To provide qualified professional personnel to serve teachers and students.

Pursuant to State law, the Board has the duty and responsibility to equip and maintain a suitable library and to exclude therefrom all books, tracts, papers and catechisms of a sectarian nature. School library and classroom library books are provided primarily for use by District students and staff. Library books may be checked out by either students or staff. Individuals who check out books are responsible for the care and timely return of those materials. The building principal may assess fines for damaged or unreturned books.

District residents or parents/guardians of non-resident students attending the District may be allowed use of library books at the discretion of the building principal. However, such access shall not interfere with regular school use of those books. Use of the library books outside of the District is prohibited except for inter-library loan agreements with other libraries.

Any individual may challenge the selection of materials for the library/media center. The Uniform Grievance Procedure shall be utilized to determine if the challenged material is properly located in the library.

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Learning Materials Review

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Uniform Grievance Procedure

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-512(8) Governance of schools

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