

Criteria for Selecting Library/Media and Instructional Materials

The following criteria will be used as they apply in the selecting of Library/Media and Instructional Materials for the district:

1. Materials shall support and be consistent with the general educational goals of the district and the objectives of specific courses.
2. Materials shall meet high standards of quality in factual content and presentation.
3. Materials shall be appropriate for the subject area and for the age, emotional development, ability level and social development of the students for whom the materials are selected.
4. Materials shall have aesthetic, literary or social value.
5. Materials chosen shall be by competent and qualified authors and producers.
6. Materials shall be reflective of the guidelines set forth for multi-cultural education, fostering respect for minorities and be non-discriminatory in any way towards any social, religious, race, or ethnic groups. Materials shall promote understanding of the contributions to our culture and society that all peoples have made throughout the historical development of our country and society.
7. Materials shall be selected for their strengths rather than rejected for their weaknesses.
8. Biased or slanted materials may be provided to meet specific curriculum objectives.
9. The physical format and appearance of materials shall be suitable for their intended use.
10. The selection of materials on controversial issues will be directed toward maintaining a balanced collection representing various views.

Books and library/media materials meeting the above standards and principles will not be banned, but books or materials of an obscene nature or those advocating overthrow of the government of the United States by force or revolution shall not be recommended for use and/or purchase.

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