

LIBRARY MATERIALS SELECTION AND ADOPTION

The Board believes the responsibility of the school library is to:

1. provide materials which enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interest, abilities and maturity levels of the students served;
2. provide materials which stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values and ethical standards;
3. provide a background of information which enables students to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives;
4. provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that young citizens may develop, under guidance, the practice of critical reading and thinking;
5. provide materials representative of the many religious, ethnic and cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritage;
6. place principle above personal opinion and reason above prejudice in the selection of materials of the highest quality in order to ensure a comprehensive collection appropriate for the users of the library; and
7. be organized according to an appropriate library system and in a convenient manner.

Each library shall be staffed by a certified librarian or by an aide/volunteer under the supervision of a certified librarian.

Initial purchase suggestions for library materials may come from personnel. Students may also be encouraged to make suggestions. The librarian is responsible for evaluation and recommendation of all library materials to be included in the school library and shall keep materials up-to-date. Authority for distribution of funds rests with the building principal, subject to the approval of the Chief Executive Officer.

Gifts of library books are accepted in keeping with the above policy on selection as well as the Board's policy on accepting gifts. Complaints about

library books are handled in compliance with Board policy on complaints about the curriculum or instructional materials.

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LEGAL REFERENCES

ORC 3329.05; 3329.07
OAC 3301-35-03

CROSS REFERENCES

IIA, Instructional Materials
INB, Teaching About Controversial Issues
KLB, Public Complaints About the Curriculum or Instructional Materials

NOTE: THIS IS A REQUIRED POLICY