

LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTERS

Philosophy

School Library Media Center services are an integral part of the curriculum, serving the needs of all students and staff in support and enrichment of the total educational program. The Library Media Center serves as a laboratory for research and learning as well as a center for recreational reading. The role of the school library is to acquire, organize, and circulate all kinds of instructional materials and aid in their interpretation and use.

An effective library program is a basic requirement of quality education. The purpose of the program is to:

1. Provide teachers with supplementary resources for teaching students as individuals with varying needs, interests and abilities
2. Encourage independent study as well as group work under the guidance of librarians library technicians.
3. Motivate students to learn beyond the requirements of the curriculum and guide the development of their reading, listening, and viewing tastes
4. Help the slow learner to read and comprehend, the average student to increase his ability, and the gifted student to find challenge and stimulation
5. Help students develop research skills and appreciations that will continue on into adult life. These skills may include using the library and related technology.

In order to provide effective library services, the library must have the personnel, materials, funds, facilities, and equipment necessary for a successful program.

Procedures

1. The legal responsibility for materials in the school library rests with the Board. Responsibility for the final selection shall be delegated to trained personnel who know the course of study, the methods of teaching, and the individual differences of the pupils in the schools for which the materials are provided; such selection to be in accordance with the statement of procedures given below:
 - a. Library book selection shall be a cooperative continuing process in which administrators, teachers, librarians, and students may participate. The basic factors influencing selection shall be the curriculum, the reading interests, the abilities, the backgrounds of the students using the libraries and the quality and accuracy of available materials
 - b. Recognized screening authorities shall be used in the selection of library materials

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Instruction

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Selection And Processing Of Instructional Materials For Resource Centers

Instructional materials used in Library Media Centers will be selected in accordance with the criteria and methods utilized for the selection of library materials and processed and catalogued through the library.

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