

The Board of Education supports the principles of intellectual freedom inherent in The First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and in stated principals endorsed by the American Library Association. The following guidelines will be used in the selection and management of the district's media collection:

1. Books and other library materials are selected on the basis of literary, educational, cultural, informational, and recreational value within the framework of policies determined by the Board of Education.
2. No title is excluded on the basis of moral, racial, religious, or political prejudice. Titles are selected, within the limitations of the budget, on the basis of critical consensus among recognized subject authorities. Suggestions from students, faculty, and staff are encouraged and will be given due consideration.
3. Selection is a continuous process that involves 1) the acquisition of materials through the selection, preview, and evaluation of materials; 2) the removal of materials no longer appropriate, and 3) the replacement of lost or worn materials still of educational value. Actual selection is done by professional librarians subject to review by the head of the library program. These experts are also responsible for weeding the collection, considering gift items, and evaluating student, faculty, and staff suggestions for purchase.
4. The collection will be weeded systematically in order to withdraw materials that are out of date, no longer circulating, unnecessary duplicates, worn or mutilated. The library will not automatically replace all items that are withdrawn due to loss, damage, or heavy use. Community interest and the availability of later editions and new materials will be the deciding factors. Since books now go out of print very rapidly, many specific titles, although heavily used, cannot be replaced, even with paperback copies. Books that cannot be replaced may be rebound.
5. The libraries endorse the "Freedom to Read" statement, the "Freedom to View" statement, the "Labeling Library Materials" statement, "The Library Bill of Rights," and the "Access to Resources and Services in the School Library Media Program of the American Library Association.

6. Any resident of the school district may formally challenge library resources used in the district's education program on the basis of appropriateness.
7. The head of the library program will review the completed "Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials form" concerning specific materials, and retention will be determined in accordance with the procedures of this policy. Materials that meet the criteria for selection should not be removed under pressure, e.g. the threat or initiation of litigation, protest of any kind, or community or social action.

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