

### LIBRARY MATERIALS SELECTION

The Board of Education supports the establishment and maintenance in each building of library-media centers which provide services to students and staff. The Board delegates the responsibility to the Superintendent or his/her designee for the selection and purchase of materials and equipment.

The library-media staff will work closely with students, staff and administrative personnel in the selection and evaluation of materials for purchase.

In order to provide the Superintendent and his/her staff with guidance in the acquisition of instructional resource material, such as library books, references, audiovisuals, maps, etc., the Board endorses the guidelines approved by the American Library Association that such resources will provide information:

1. that will enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities, and maturity levels of the students served;
2. that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards;
3. that will enable students to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives;
4. on opposing sides of controversial issues so that young citizens may develop under guidance the practice of critical reading and thinking;
5. representative of the many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritage.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for the selection of resource materials within the aforesaid guidelines and for the determination of factual accuracy, readability, authoritativeness, integrity and quality of format. To assist in the selection process, reputable, unbiased professionally prepared aids (such as the Horn Book, School Library Journal, etc.) shall be consulted as guides.

In order to respond to any complaints about or request for removal, or challenges to, the selection of library materials, the district has adopted regulations (1420-R, Complaints About Curricula or Instructional Materials Regulation) establishing a complaint procedure and providing for a committee to review such complaints or challenges.

All complaints or request for removal of material will be in ordnance with Policy 1420. The Superintendent determination based upon 1420-R must not be based upon official suppression of ideas, but rather upon the educational suitability of the materials in question.

Cross-ref: 1420, Complaints about Curricula or Instructional Materials

Ref: Education Law §§1709(15); 1711(5)(f)  
*Board of Educ., Island Trees UFSD v. Pico*, 457 US 853 (1982)

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