

The school media center will make available to students and teachers printed media such as books, periodicals, pamphlets, pictures, maps, newspapers, etc. and non-printed materials such as films, recordings, filmstrips, audio tapes, video tapes, transparency materials, computer software, etc. which will implement and enrich the curriculum; and provide books and other media materials for their independent study and recreational reading.

These services shall be performed by and under the supervision of certified library and technology personnel. A department certified person in the library/media field shall be designated to provide direction and coordination for the District's library/media program.

Basic book and material selection tools will be used. Whenever possible, personal examination and evaluation of materials will be made, plus recommendations from the teaching staff and suggestions from students. All selections will be made by the librarians and technology coordinator within the limitations of this policy as approved by the Board of Education.

The American Association of School Librarians reaffirms its belief in the Library Bill of Rights of the American Library Association. Media personnel are concerned with generating understanding of American Freedoms through the development of informed and responsible citizens. To this end, the American Association of School Librarians asserts that the responsibility of the school library media center is:

- A. To provide a comprehensive collection of instructional materials selected in compliance with basic written selection principles and to provide maximum accessibility to these materials.
- B. To provide materials that will support the curriculum, taking into consideration the individual's needs and the varied interests, abilities, socioeconomic backgrounds and maturity levels of the students served.
- C. To provide materials for teachers and students that will encourage growth in knowledge and that will develop literary, cultural and aesthetic appreciation and ethical standards.
- D. To provide materials which reflect the ideas and beliefs of religious, social, political, historical and ethnic groups and their contribution to the American and world heritage and culture, thereby enabling students to develop an intellectual integrity in forming judgments.
- E. To provide a written statement, approved by the local Board of Education, of the procedures for meeting the challenge of censorship of materials in school library media centers.
- F. To provide qualified professional personnel to serve teachers and students.