

Library Materials Selection and Adoption

All types of materials for school libraries shall be recommended for purchase by Professional School Library Personnel of the libraries. Consultation will take place with the administration, faculty, students or parent/guardians as found desirable.

All materials selected shall be consistent with the stated principles of selection which apply to all instructional and library materials.

Additionally, in maintaining and augmenting school library collections, persons responsible for selection of materials shall strive:

1. To meet the needs of the individual school based on knowledge of the curriculum and the stated needs of administrators and teachers.
2. To meet the needs of individual students, according to both the stated needs of students and general understanding of students' interests, abilities and maturity.
3. To provide age level appropriate materials of high artistic, historic and literary quality.
4. To provide a balanced collection, with a fair proportion of each type of material selected to meet the needs of the curriculum, the students and professional staff at all levels.
5. To provide a wide range of materials with diversity of appeal and different points of view.

In order to maintain a current and highly usable collection of materials, Professional School Library Personnel shall provide for continuing renewal of the collection, not only by addition of up-to-date materials but also by the judicious elimination of material which fits any of the following criteria:

1. It no longer meets student or curricular needs.
2. It is not used and is deemed unlikely to be used.
3. Its physical condition renders it unusable.
4. It is deemed to be inappropriate for the age level of the students served by the school.

Gifts to the library may or may not be accepted if they meet the criteria established for the selection of all materials.

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LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. 22-32-110 (1)(r) Board of education powers to exclude materials

CROSS REFS.: IJ, Instructional Resources and Materials
KEC, Public Concerns/Complaints about Instructional Resources

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