

## I-32 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SELECTION AND ADOPTION

All types of materials for school media centers shall be recommended for purchased by the professional personnel of the media centers. Consultation may take place with the administration, staff, faculty, and students.

All materials selected shall support state objectives of school media center services, be consistent with stated principles of selection, and meet stated specific selection criteria.

In order to always provide a current, highly usable collection of materials in every media center, media specialists shall provide for constant and continuing renewal of the collection, not only by the addition of up-to-date materials, but by the judicious elimination of materials which no longer meet needs or find use.

### CHALLENGED MATERIALS

A procedure for processing and responding to criticism of approved materials shall be established and followed. See Policy K-15 for the specific procedure to follow. This procedure shall include a formal signed complaint of standard format and an appointed committee to reevaluate the material in question. Virtually all material that is challenged belongs to one of three basis categories: religion, ideology, or profanity/obscenity. Board policy regarding these areas is as follows:

1. Religion -- factual, unbiased material which represents all major religions shall be included in the media center collections.
2. Ideologies -- the media centers shall, with no thought toward swaying reader judgment, make available basic primary and factual material and information on the level of their reading public, on any ideology or philosophy of government which exerts or has exerted a strong force, either favorably or unfavorably, in government, current events, politics, education, or any phase of life.
3. Profanity/obscenity -- materials shall be subjected to a test of literary merit and reality by the media specialist and teachers who will take into consideration their reading public and community standards of morality.

In all cases, the decision shall be made on the basis of whether the material presents life in its true proportions, whether circumstances are realistically dealt with, and whether the book has literary or social value. Factual material shall be included in the media center collections.

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