

Central School District 13J

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Library Materials Selection

The right of every individual to be informed is basic in a democratic society. It is primarily the responsibility of our schools to see what we have an educated citizenry. Democracy can survive on nothing less than an informed public. What that education is to be, how it is to be arranged, how it is to be inspired or evoked, is left to administrators, media specialists and teachers who have been trained in matters of learning. Learning of the highest order takes place where the student is free to inquire and where teachers feel free to stimulate inquiry. To deny students access to the truth of a way of life different from theirs or ideologies different from theirs or theories different from theirs, is to deny them an effective defense when they are confronted by them in later years.

It is the district's responsibility to provide a great deal of information on a wide variety of subjects in various formats and therefore, all materials shall be selected on the basis of usefulness. The interest and enlightenment of all students of the community shall be considered of primary importance and no materials shall be excluded because the race, sex, nationality, religion or political party of the originators.

Efforts shall be made to present materials encompassing all points of view concerning the issues and problems of our times, whether it be on the international, national or local level. Two basic factors, truth and art, will be considered in the selection of books and other materials. The first is factual accuracy, authoritativeness, balance and integrity. The second is quality of stimulating presentation, imagination, vision, creativeness, style appropriate to the idea, vitality and distinction.

Any resident or employee may challenge the appropriateness of the district's library materials using the process in administrative regulation IIA-AR - Instructional Materials Complaints.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

Cross Reference(s):

KH - Public Gifts to the District