

## **Library Materials Selection and Adoption**

All types of materials for school libraries will be recommended for purchase by the professional personnel of the library and approved by the superintendent or designee. Consultation may take place with the administration, faculty or parents.

The term “materials” shall include media such as printed materials, films, videos, software, recordings, pictures, etc.

1. Building needs are assessed in making purchasing decisions.
2. The instructional media services specialist, through cooperation with other professionally trained personnel, will be involved in the selection of materials to be purchased.
3. The final selection must be approved by the superintendent/designee before the final order is placed.

All materials selected will be consistent with the stated principles of selection which apply to all instructional and library materials. The district supports the principles of freedom inherent in the constitution of the United States and expressed in:

1. Library Bill of Rights (ALA);
2. The Freedom to Read (ALA);
3. Statement on Intellectual Freedom (AECT).

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

1. Meet the needs of the school based on knowledge of the curriculum and the stated needs of administrators and teachers;
2. Meet the needs of individual students, according to both the stated needs of students and general understanding of students' interests;
3. Provide materials of artistic and literary quality;
4. 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;
5. Provide a wide range of materials with diversity of appeal and different points of view.

To maintain a current and highly usable collection of materials, the media specialist will provide continuing renewal of the collection, not only by addition of up-to-date materials, but by the elimination of materials which no longer meet needs.

Gifts to the library may be accepted if they meet the criteria established for the selection of all instructional materials.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 332.072](#)

[ORS 337.120](#)

[ORS 339.880](#)

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[OAR 581-022-1640](#)

Copyrights, 17 U.S.C. §§ 101- 1332; 19 C.F.R. Part 133 (2006).

**Cross Reference(s):**

KH - Public Gifts to the Schools

KLB - Public Complaints about the Curriculum/Instruction/Library Materials