

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WAUZEKA-STEUBEN****INSTRUCTIONAL AND LIBRARY MATERIALS SELECTION AND REVIEW**

The School District of Wauzeka-Steuben's Library Media Center (LMC) has two (2) major purposes: 1) to support and enrich the curricula and 2) to provide for personal interests and recreational reading. The Board of Education hereby states that it is the policy of the District to provide a wide range of instructional materials in its LMC on all levels of difficulty with diversity of appeal and the presentation of different points of view. It will allow the review of allegedly inappropriate LMC materials through its established procedures.

Furthermore, the District endorses the American Library Association Library Bill of Rights and the American Association of School Librarians School Library Bill of Rights for School Library media programs, and all LMC materials, both print and nonprint, will be selected in accordance with the philosophies of these two (2) documents.

Definitions

1. For purposes of this policy, a District Library Media Center is defined as an area or areas in the school where a full range of information sources, associated equipment, and services from media staff are accessible to students and school personnel.
2. Selection is defined as the decision which must be made to add materials purchased by or housed in the LMC.

Related Documents: American Library Association Library Bill of Rights  
American Association of School Librarians School Library Bill of Rights

Objectives

1. To provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum, develop appreciation of good literature and provide for personal interest and recreational reading of students and staff, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities and maturity levels of the students served.
2. To provide materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values and ethical standards.
3. To provide a background of information which will enable students to make intelligent judgments.
4. To provide materials on various sides of current controversial issues so that young citizens may develop under guidance the practice of critical analysis of all media.
5. To provide materials representative of many religions, ethnic and cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritage and global education.
6. To place principle above personal opinion and reason above prejudice in the selection of materials in order to assure a comprehensive collection appropriate for the students and staff of the school district.

### Responsibility for Selection of Materials

1. Although the Board of Education is legally responsible for all matters relating to the operation of the District, it delegates the responsibility for selection of LMC materials to the certificated LMC personnel employed by the District. For the purposes of this rule, the term Library Media Specialist will be used to indicate Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction certificated library and audiovisual personnel among the LMC staff.
2. Although the Library Media Specialist encourages and coordinates the recommendations for selection of LMC materials made by teachers, administrators, and students, the final responsibility for the selection decision will rest with the Library Media Specialist.

### Selection Process

Instructional materials shall support and be consistent with the general educational goals of the District. All materials should be selected on the basis of an identified need for the materials and the general suitability of the materials to the needs and abilities of those who will use them. In potentially sensitive areas (e.g., race, sex, religion, political theory and ideology), materials should be selected for their strengths and/or significance rather than rejected for their weaknesses.

The District will comply with the Department of Public Instruction Administrative rule for State Stat. 121.01(h) which in part states: "All students shall be provided access to a current balanced collection of books, basic reference materials, texts, periodicals, and audiovisual materials which depict in an accurate and unbiased way the cultural diversity and pluralistic nature of American Society."

The District shall not discriminate in the selection and evaluation of instructional and library/media materials on the basis of gender, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap.

**Legal References:** Wisconsin Statutes §§ Sections 118.03, 118.12, 118.13, 120.13(5), 121.02(1)(h); PI 9.03(1) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code

**Cross References:** Policies 362.1 Interlibrary Loans, 363.2 Internet Safety and Acceptable Use, 363.3 Assistive Technology

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