

Board of Education High Point Regional

PROGRAM

SELECTION OF MEDIA CENTER RESOURCE MATERIALS

The primary objective of the educational Media Center is to implement, enrich and support the educational program of the school. It is the responsibility of the center to provide a wide range of materials on all levels of difficulty, with diversity of appeal, and the presentation of differing points of view.

To this end, the Board affirms the following objectives for the selection of resource materials:

- a. To provide materials that will support and enrich the school curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities, and maturity levels of the students of the school.
- b. To provide materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards.
- c. To provide a background of information which will enable students to make intelligent judgments in their daily life.
- d. To provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that young citizens may develop under guidance the practice of critical analysis of all media, not allowing any material to be removed from the media center because of partisan doctrinal approval or disapproval.
- e. To provide materials representative of the many religious, cultural, and ethnic groups and their contribution to our American heritage.

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f. To place principle above personal opinion and reason above prejudice in the selection of materials of the highest quality in order to assure a comprehensive collection appropriate for the users of the media center. Each piece of media shall be considered as a whole; an isolated incident or unsavory word shall not be taken out of context in judging these works.

g. To provide materials for the further education of the teachers in a professional library, to help them perfect their teaching and widen their horizons.

The Board of Education is legally responsible for all matters relating to the operation of its school, but delegates the responsibility for the selection of instructional materials to the Superintendent who shall develop rules and utilize staff expertise for that purpose.

Reference: NJAC 6:8-4.5

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