

POLICY 6620  
LIBRARY RESOURCES

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of a dynamic, student-centered library media resources designed to support students and staff in becoming active and creative locators, evaluators and users of information to solve problems and satisfy their own curiosity. It further recognizes that information must be current, relevant to the curriculum, cultural diversity and available through a variety of formats.

All patrons shall have equal and open access to materials.

LEGAL REF.: Wisconsin Statutes

- Sections 43.70 Common School Fund added as it defines how monies are allocated for libraries from the state.
  - 118.13 [Student discrimination prohibited]
  - 120.13 [Board power to do all things reasonable for cause of education]
  - 120.13(5) [Board power to purchase books, equipment and materials for use in schools]
  - 121.02(1)(h) [Instructional materials standard]
- Wisconsin Administrative Code  
PI 8.01(2) [Rules governing the selection of instructional/library materials]]

CROSS REF.:

- 1410, Use of Free Materials
- 3100, Annual Operating Budget
- 5110, Equal Educational Opportunities
- 6300, Curriculum Development and Improvement
- 6110, Instructional Program Mission and Beliefs
- 6600, Instructional Resources
- 6610, Selection of Instructional Materials
- Board-Adopted Academic Standards
- District Learning and Content Standards

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The District library media collection shall not discriminate in the selection and evaluation of library materials or media on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap. Materials purchased shall be supported by professional journal reviews indicating the age appropriateness of material/online subscriptions and/or the review of a certified library media teacher.

Selection of materials for the library shall be based upon information value as a whole and not in part. Incidents of sexual reference, profanity, or alternative life styles shall not automatically disqualify materials from library collections.

The District recognizes that library media resources at the middle school will may contain some materials written at an adult level. The majority of materials in the high school may be written at an adult reading level.

Citizens with specific requests, which cannot be satisfied by telephone or conference at the school level, shall be given the opportunity to complete a "Citizens Request for Reconsideration of a Book", which is available from the Office of the Superintendent. Upon receipt of a signed complaint, the Superintendent shall appoint an ad hoc committee of teachers, administrators, and citizens to consider this request. The committee shall reevaluate the book in question against selection criteria for library media centers, supplementary reading lists, in-class presentation, and textbooks. The committee may invite the complainant for conferences so that all facets of the complaint can be explored.

The committee shall make a recommendation to the Superintendent concerning the disposition of the complaint, the book in question, or both. The Superintendent shall inform the complainant detailing the decision concerning the complaint.

Appeals related to the decision may be directed to the School Board.