

SELECTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**POLICY**

The Board of Education accepts the responsibility for generating understanding of American freedom and for the preservation of these freedoms through the development of informed and responsible citizens. To this end the Board reaffirms the following Library Bill of Rights of the American Library Association which asserts that the responsibility of the school is:

1. To provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities and maturity levels of the pupils 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 pupils to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives.
4. To provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that young citizens may develop under guidance the practice of critical reading and thinking.
5. To provide materials representative of many religious, ethnic and cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritage.
6. 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 library.

This policy shall apply to the selection of textbooks, library books, supplementary books and other instructional materials, including all audio-visual materials, magazines and pamphlets.

Board of Education

ADOPTED: December 20, 1984