

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ABBOTSFORD
LIBRARY MATERIALS SELECTION**

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OBJECTIVES

The primary objective of the library media center of the School District of Abbotsford is to make available to faculty and students a collection of materials that will enrich and support the curriculum and meet the needs of the students and faculty served. It is the duty of the centers to provide “a current, balanced collection of books, basic reference materials, texts, periodicals and audiovisual materials which depict an accurate and unbiased way the cultural diversity and pluralistic nature of the American society,” as stated in the administrative rule for Standard J of Chapter 90 of the Laws of Wisconsin.

The selection of materials shall be guided by the following high principles expressed in the American Association of School Librarians School Library Media Center Bill of Rights (endorsed by the Council of American Library Association, July, 1969).

The School District of Abbotsford library media centers affirm the following:

The American Association of School Librarians reaffirms its belief in the Library Bill of Rights of the American Library Association. Media personnel are concerned with generating understanding of American freedoms through the development of informed and responsible citizens. To this end the American Association of School Librarians asserts that the responsibility of the school library media center is to provide:

- A comprehensive collection of instructional materials selected in compliance with basic, written selection principles, and to provide maximum accessibility to these materials.
- Materials that will support the curriculum, taking into consideration the individual’s needs, and the varied interests, abilities, socio—economic backgrounds, and maturity levels of the students served.
- Materials for teachers and students that will encourage growth in knowledge, and that will develop literacy, cultural and aesthetic appreciation, and ethical standards.
- Materials which reflect the ideas and beliefs of religious, social, political, historical, and ethnic groups and their contribution to the American and world heritage and culture, thereby enabling students to develop integrity in forming judgments.
- A written statement approved by the local School Board, of the procedures for meeting the challenge of censorship of materials in school library media centers.
- Qualified professional personnel to serve teachers and students.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR SELECTION OF MATERIALS

The School Board is legally responsible for all matters pertaining to the operation of the School District of Abbotsford. All selections of instructional materials for the media centers are to be made by the media center professionals within the limitations of this policy as approved by the School Board. Basic selection tools will be used, and wherever possible, personal examination and evaluation of materials will be made. Recommendations of the teaching staff and suggestions from the students will be given high priority.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The criteria for selecting materials shall be their educational value and their support of the curriculum and the mission statement of our school. In addition, these materials must further the interests of our students; characterize life truthfully and not present false values and situations; be authoritative; have appropriate illustrations which are in good taste; be of high literary quality; and meet the standards of the community. Instructional materials of sound factual authority shall not be removed for partisan or doctrinal reasons. Controversial issues shall be considered from all points of view as fully as possible. Inclusion of profanity or frank treatment of sex shall not automatically rule out any materials if their literary quality and educational value warrant acquiring them. Gift materials shall be judged by these same criteria and shall be accepted or rejected accordingly.

CONTROVERSIAL MATERIALS

The procedure outlined in the School District of Abbotsford's Materials Reconsideration Policy (362.3) will be followed in all cases that instructional materials are questioned. No materials will be removed from the instructional media center until a final decision on the request for reconsideration has been reached.

References: 362.3 Materials Reconsideration Policy
 362.3(a) Citizens Request for Reconsideration of a Work

Policy revised July 15, 2013

Policy revised June 20, 1988

Policy revised February 16, 1987

Policy adopted April 20, 1981

The School District of Abbotsford does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, religion, national origin (including limited English proficiency) ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, physical disability, mental disability, emotional disability, learning disability, or any other reason prohibited by law.