

**Cottonwood Joint School District No. 242**

**INSTRUCTION**

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Library Materials

The school library is the principal location for students to inquire, to study and evaluate, and to gain new maturity and understanding. This District is granted discretion to regulate education and has the authority to determine the initial selection of the library collection. However, the Board also recognizes students' First Amendment constitutional rights.

Pursuant to State law, the Board has the duty and responsibility to equip and maintain a suitable library and to exclude therefrom all books, tracts, papers, and catechisms of a sectarian nature. School library and classroom library books are provided primarily for use by District students and staff. Library books may be checked out by either students or staff. Individuals who check out books are responsible for the care and timely return of those materials. The building principal may assess fines for damaged or unreturned books.

District residents or parents/guardians of nonresident students attending the District may be allowed use of library books at the discretion of the building principal. However, such access shall not interfere with regular school use of those books. Use of the library books outside of the District is prohibited except for interlibrary loan agreements with other libraries.

Cross Reference: 2530

Learning Materials Review

Legal Reference:

I.C. § 33-512 Governance of Schools

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