

## Cottonwood Joint School District No. 242

### INSTRUCTION

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#### Library Materials

The school library is a principal location for students to inquire, to study and evaluate, and to gain new maturity and understanding. The District has the authority to regulate education and to determine the contents of the library collection. However, the Board also recognizes students' First Amendment constitutional rights. The school libraries of this District are guided by the principles set forth in the Library Bill of Rights.

Additionally, the District's school libraries adhere to all applicable District policies and procedures pertaining to student privacy and compliance with the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA) when it comes to records of materials checked out by students and any other student records. 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 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:	2140	Student and Family Privacy Rights
	2510 & 2510P	Selection of Library Materials
	2520	Selection, Adoption, and Weeding of Curricular Materials
	2530	Learning Materials Review & Reconsideration
	3570	Student Records
	3575	Student Data Privacy and Security

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-512      District Trustees - Governance of Schools

Other References: Idaho Commission for Libraries website: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/>  
Access to Resources and Services in the School Library by The American Library Association  
Library Bill of Rights by The American Library Association

Policy History:

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