

Cottonwood Joint School District No. 242

INSTRUCTION

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Selection of Library Materials

The District has libraries in every school with the primary objective of implementing and supporting the educational program in the schools. The provision of a wide variety of library materials at all ability levels supports the District’s school libraries’ mission to

1. Provide faculty and students with materials that enrich and support he curriculum and meet the needs of the students and faculty served
2. Provide students with a wide range of educational materials on all levels of difficulty and appealing to a wide range of interests and in a variety of formats, with diversity of appeal, allowing for the presentation of many different points of view
3. Select materials that present various sides of controversial issues, giving students an opportunity to develop analytical skills resulting in informed decisions
4. Select materials in all formats, including up-to-date, high quality, varied literature to develop and strengthen a love of reading

In support of these objectives, the Board reaffirms the principles of intellectual freedom inherent in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and expressed in the American Library Association’s School Library Bill of Rights.

The Board, acting through the Superintendent, thereby delegates the authority for the selection of library materials to the principal in each of the schools. The principal further delegates that authority to the librarian in the school.

Library materials may include, but are not limited to print books, recordings, digital materials, periodicals and newspapers, and even equipment. This selection policy and its related procedure shall apply to all types of library materials. The District’s school libraries shall adhere to District policies and procedures related to copyright.

- Cross Reference:
- 2150 Copyright
 - 2500 Library Materials
 - 2530 Learning Materials Review & Reconsideration
 - 4500 Public Gifts/Donations to the Schools
 - 9100 Use and Disposal of School Property

- Legal Reference:
- I.C. § 33-601 School Property – Real and Personal Property – Acquisition, Use or Disposal of the Same
 - US Constitution, First Amendment

- Other Reference:
- Library Bill of Rights

<https://www.ala.org/advocay/intfreedom/librarybill>

Idaho Commission for Libraries website: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/>

The Freedom to Read Statement:

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/freedomreadstatement>

Policy History:

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