



IJL - LIBRARY MATERIALS SELECTION AND ADOPTION

The Poudre School District R-1 Library Media Technology Centers shall provide a comprehensive collection of resources in a variety of formats designed to support and enrich the curriculum and to meet the educational needs and interests of students and staff. Furthermore, the school district endorses the American Library Association Library Bill of Rights and the American Association of School Librarians School Library Bill of Rights for School Library Media Programs, and all media center materials, both print and nonprint, will be selected in accordance with the philosophies of these two documents. In a free and democratic society, access to information is a fundamental right of citizenship.

Media selected shall meet the objectives of the educational program with these criteria in mind:

- Implementing and enriching the curriculum;
- Helping students develop skills in accessing and using information;
- Helping students develop a personal code;
- Stimulating students' imagination, creativity, and vision by providing for individual inquiry;
- Encouraging critical thinking; and
- Giving pleasure during leisure hours.

At the building level, the principal delegates the responsibility for selection of library media and technology center materials to licensed media center personnel. The media specialist encourages and coordinates the recommendations for selection of media center materials made by teachers, administrators, students, and site teams, but the responsibility for the selection decision will rest with the media specialist using professional collection development criteria.

Media collections may include controversial subjects. Consideration shall be given to each item. If the language and/or occurrence of sex or violence are necessary for and development of a plot in fiction or for accurate reporting in nonfiction, such media may be acquired provided the treatment or inclusion is not purposefully or sensationally exploited.

Videos which are rated shall be used under the following criteria:

- Without a curricular objective, no PG-13 videos shall be shown to students under 13 or R-rated videos to students under 17.
- No R-rated videos shall be shown to elementary or middle school students.
- If PG-13 videos are shown to students under 13 or R-rated videos are shown to high school students under 17 to enhance the teaching of a curricular objective, signed permission slips shall be received from the parents/guardians prior to showing the video.
- No NC-17 or X-rated videos will be shown.

Materials received as gifts shall meet the selection criteria for new media, and their ultimate use shall be determined by the media specialist. Any value or appraisal of such gifts shall be the responsibility of the donor.

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CROSS REFS:

IJ, Instructional Resources and Materials

KEC, Public Concerns/Complaints about Instructional Resources