

Instruction

Media Center Materials: Provision/Selection

The primary objectives of the media specialists when selecting media for the Ledyard Public Schools are:

- To choose print, studio visual, and computer software materials that complement and supplement the school's curriculum.
- To provide recreational reading for students and faculty, and
- To provide materials that will both challenge and satisfy students at all levels of ability.

The materials selected for the media centers should be consistent with the philosophy and objectives of the school system in that they enhance the cultural, social, emotional and intellectual aspects of student life.

In selecting materials the media specialists will be mindful of the provisions of the "School Library Bill of Rights" promoted by the American Library Association and will incorporate those provisions into their selection procedures.

The following criteria will be considered during the selection process:

1. The suitability of the subject matter for the students for whom the collection is designed.
2. The reputation and qualifications of the author(s).
3. The timeliness, accuracy and factualness of non-fiction.
4. The lack of bias or prejudice in the work.
5. The relation to curricular or leisure time interests.
6. The relation to student needs, both expressed and potential.
7. Recommendations for the work by critics in the field, professional journals, faculty or students.
8. The affordability of the work.

Gifts for the Media Centers may be accepted if they meet the cited criteria and standards. The giver must recognize the media centers' rights to utilize the gifts in the way they judge to be most suitable for the individual situation. (cf. 3280 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests).

In the event that a work is challenged, the individual or representative of the challenging group will be asked to complete the form entitled "Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of a Work". If the matter cannot be resolved in discussion between the complainant and the media specialist, it will be presented to a committee representing faculty, administration and the Board of Education for settlement.

The final, legal responsibility for selection of materials is upon the Ledyard Board of Education which has delegated the actual task of selection to the media specialists through the individual school principals.

(cf. 1312 - Public Complaints)

(cf. 6161.2 - Care of Instructional Materials)

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes

10-221(c) Boards of education to prescribe rules, policies and procedures.

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