

## **LIBRARIES**

### **Purpose**

The Governing Board provides school libraries and library services for the students and staff to nurture intellectual growth and freedom and to cultivate students who are information literate, independent, socially responsible learners. This purpose is accomplished through the collaboration of the faculty, school library staff, and school community by:

1. Providing materials and instruction to foster competence in acquiring and using information and ideas, and in evaluating information resources.
2. Providing materials that both support and enrich the curriculum, considering the variety of student interests, abilities, maturity levels, and learning styles, and that accurately reflect diverse cultural groups.
3. Stimulating growth in factual knowledge, reading, and appreciation of literature, aesthetic values, and ethical standards.
4. Providing materials that present opposing sides of controversial issues and multicultural perspectives so that students develop expertise in accessing, evaluating, and using information to analyze and think critically.
5. Providing information that will support the personal needs of students and enable them to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives.
6. Providing intellectual and physical access to materials in multiple formats, permitting students to actively seek to construct meaning from the sources they encounter and to create products that shape and communicate that meaning effectively.

The Governing Board encourages students and staff to use their school libraries frequently and to request materials which they would like added to the library collection.

### **Responsibility**

Certificated library staff shall consult with teachers, administrators, students, and community members when preparing recommendations for purchasing, removing, or replacing library books and materials.

*(cf. 1312.2 Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)*

*(cf. 6144 Controversial Issues)*

*(cf. 6161.1 Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)*

*(cf. 6161.11 Supplementary Instructional Materials)*

*Legal Reference:*

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Policy

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