

**PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY**

CODE: IJL

LIBRARY MATERIALS SELECTION AND ADOPTION

The primary objective of the school's library media center is to implement, enrich and support the educational programs of the school. It is the duty of the center to provide a wide range of materials on all levels of difficulty, with diversity of appeal, and the presentation of different points of view.

The school library Bill of Rights endorsed by the American Association of School Librarians, sets forth the philosophy of materials selection as it is related to the educational program of the school. Those individuals involved in the selection of library materials shall be guided by that philosophy and shall further select materials in accordance with the procedures for the selection of other instructional materials of the school district. To this end, the Board believes that the responsibility of the school library is:

1. To provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities, and maturity levels of the pupils served;
2. To provide materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards;
3. To provide a background or information which will enable pupils to make intelligent judgments in their daily life;
4. To provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that young citizens may develop, under guidance, the practice of critical reading and thinking;
5. To provide materials representative of the many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritage;
6. To place principle above personal opinion and reason above prejudice in the selection of materials of the highest quality in order to assure a comprehensive collection appropriate for the users of the library.

Any request for reconsideration of library materials will follow the Park County School District No. 6 Chain of Command following submission of form IJKA-E (Citizen Request for Reconsideration of a Book or Other Materials) to Superintendent of Schools.

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