

Harlem School District

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. It is the objective of these libraries to provide a wide range of materials on all appropriate levels of difficulty, with diversity of appeal and the presentation of different points of view.

The provision of a wide variety of library materials at all reading levels supports the District's basic principle that the school in a free society assists all students to develop their talents fully so that they become capable of contributing to the further good of that society.

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 School Library Bill of Rights, endorsed by the American Association of School Librarians in 1969.

Although the Superintendent is responsible for selection of library materials, ultimate responsibility rests with the Board.

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

(NOTE: BY STATUTE, THE SUPERINTENDENT HAS AUTHORITY AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SELECTION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS, SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL. THE SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD MAY NOT WANT TO DELEGATE THIS RESPONSIBILITY.)

Legal reference: § 20-4-402(5), MCA Duties of district superintendent or county high school principal
 § 20-7-203, MCA Trustees' policies for school library
 § 20-7-204, MCA School library book selection

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