

School District of Bayfield Selection of Library and Instructional Materials

Wisconsin Statutes (944.21 (8)(a)) include the following requirements that "educational institutions under par. (b) carry out the essential purpose of making available to all citizens a current, balanced collection of books, reference materials, periodicals, sound recordings and audiovisual materials that reflect the cultural diversity and pluralistic nature of American society."

The Board of Education is legally responsible for all matters relating to the operation of the school. Therefore, it is legally responsible for the final selection of all materials used in the library. The board hereby delegates its responsibility, through the district administrators and principals, to the trained professional personnel in charge of the library.

The Board of Education approves and endorses the American Library Association's Bill of Rights.

The American Library Association affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

- Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
- Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
- Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.
- Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.
- A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.

When selecting instructional and library materials for use in the schools, consideration shall be given to the following objectives:

- To make available print and non-print materials that will implement and enrich the curriculum in all areas
- To develop a life-long appreciation for reading, listening, and viewing
- To provide opportunities for personal interests and recreational reading of students

- To contribute to the development of the social, intellectual, and spiritual values of the students
- To provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that patrons may develop the practice of critical analysis
- 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 of educational materials

The School District of Bayfield shall not discriminate in the selection and evaluation of instructional and library materials or media on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, religion, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap.

Reconsideration complaints will be processed in accordance with established reconsideration procedures.

CROSS REFERENCE:	Policy 361-Rule	Instructional and Library Materials Selection Procedure
	Policy 871	Public Complaints About Instructional and Library Materials
	Policy 871 Exhibit	Citizen's Request for Reconsideration for a Book

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