

Hickman County Board of Education

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1 The Board will seek to provide a wide range of instructional materials¹ on all levels of difficulty, with
2 diversity of appeal, and the presentation of different points of view, and will provide procedures for
3 review and reconsideration of allegedly inappropriate instructional materials.

4 **OBJECTIVES OF SELECTION**

5 In order to assure that instructional materials are an integral part of the educational program, the
6 following selection objectives are adopted:

- 7 1. To provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum and personal needs of the
8 students, taking into consideration their varied interests, abilities and learning styles;
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- 10 2. To provide materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation,
11 aesthetic values and ethical standards;
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- 13 3. To provide a background of information which will enable students to make intelligent
14 judgments in their daily lives;
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- 16 4. To provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that the students may develop
17 under guidance the practice of critical analysis;
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- 19 5. To provide materials which realistically represent our pluralistic society and reflect the
20 contributions made by these groups and individuals to our American heritage;
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- 22 6. To place principles above personal opinion and reason above prejudice in the selection of
23 materials of the highest quality in order to assure a comprehensive media collection appropriate
24 for the students.

25 **RESPONSIBILITY FOR MATERIALS SELECTION**

26 The responsibility for selection of instructional materials is delegated to the professionally trained
27 personnel employed by the school system.

28 Selection of materials involves many people, including staff, students, and members of the community

29 There is included in the Tennessee BEP an amount of money sufficient to pay two hundred dollars
30 (\$200) for every teacher in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12). This money shall be used by the
31 teachers for instructional supplies and shall be given to each teacher by October 31 of each school year

1 so that the teacher may spend it at any time during that school year on instructional supplies as
2 determined necessary by the teacher.²

3 **SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES**

4 In selecting materials for school media centers the following practices are to be observed:

- 5 1. The librarian in each school is responsible for selecting books and materials for her school;
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- 7 2. Selection shall be a continuing process throughout the school year as new suggestions of staff
8 members and students are evaluated and materials already purchased are reevaluated to
9 determine their current or lasting contributions to the educational program of the school; and
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- 11 3. Gift materials shall be judged upon the same basis as the library media center's own purchases.
12 Gift materials meeting the selection standards may be accepted with the recommendation of the
13 library media specialist and the approval of the principal.

Legal References

1. TSS/MS 0520-01-03-.07(3)
2. Public Acts of 2017, Chapter No. 389

Cross References

Controversial Materials 4.801