

Hardin County Board of Education

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Selection of Instructional Materials (Other than Textbooks)

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

Instructional materials shall include both printed (books, periodicals, pamphlets, and newspapers) and nonprint materials (films, filmstrips, slides, recordings, video recordings, transcripts, tapes, and computer software).

OBJECTIVES OF SELECTION

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

- 1. To provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum and personal needs of the students, taking into consideration their varied interests, abilities and learning styles;
- 2. To provide materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values and ethical standards;
- 3. To provide a background of information which will enable students to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives;
- 4. To provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that the students may develop under guidance the practice of critical analysis;
- 5. To provide materials which realistically represent our pluralistic society and reflect the contributions made by these groups and individuals to our American heritage;
- 6. To place principles above personal opinion and reason above prejudice in the selection of materials of the highest quality in order to ensure a comprehensive media collection appropriate for all students.
- 7. To provide learning experiences and teaching guidance which will enable and encourage each student to build a positive set of values.
- 8. To provide an educationally functional and effective library program which will meet the developmental needs of the curriculum and the personal needs, interests, goals, abilities, and creative potential of the students.

Legal References: