

PHILOSOPHY OF DISTRICT LIBRARIES

Libraries/media centers are integral parts of every school and shall be established in each school. The district libraries/media center, as administered by the Board of Education, are material and service centers which supplement and enrich the schools' programs, are a fundamental part of the students' education and are essential to effective teaching in all subject areas. They provide a selected collection of media and books of general interest that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values and ethical standards, which will create a desire to continue reading with discrimination. The Board subscribes in principle to the national statements of policy on library philosophy as expressed in the American Association of School Librarians' School Library Bill of Rights and the American Library Association Library Bill of Rights, and will make every effort to meet the suggested standards.

In addition, the Board has adopted the following:

1. Mission Statement

The library media program exists to serve all students and prepare them to become avid readers, competent users of technology and effective evaluators of information and ideas. This will be accomplished by adhering to the tenets of intellectual freedom and providing equal access to excellent programs, which enhance the curriculum. Each Library Media Center will be well equipped and fully staffed in order to provide a stimulating, student-centered learning environment.

2. Strategic Plan Reference:

Mission
Objectives

Strategy #2 – We will align district standards with State standards, develop appropriate means of assessing student achievement of those standards and provide support mechanisms to ensure that all students achieve those standards.