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**MEDIA CENTER/LIBRARY**

The District's media center shall contain a wide range of materials on all levels of difficulty, appealing to diverse tastes, and presenting different points of view. Every pupil will have access to a media collection containing materials appropriate to age level, interests and courses of study.

The Superintendent or his/her designee has final responsibility for the selection of media center materials by professionally trained personnel -- media specialists, teachers, principals and supervisors. Requests from faculty and pupils will be given consideration.

In selecting materials to recommend for purchase, the media specialist(s) will evaluate the existing collection and consult reputable, unbiased, professionally prepared selection aids, and specialists from all departments and/or all grade levels.

In addition to standard book materials, the Board will provide for the use of a wide variety of audiovisual materials and equipment to enhance the curriculum.

The media center will offer a continuous program of instruction in library and study skills, preparing pupils for independent use of learning resources and for development of reading, listening and viewing abilities and tastes.

The Superintendent or his/her designee will develop and present for Board approval a media center/library program to provide necessary space, personnel and material to implement this policy.

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**Legal References:**

N.J.A.C. 6A:9-13.14 School library media specialist  
N.J.A.C. 6A:9-13.15 Associate school library media specialist

Board of Education Island Trees U.F.S.D. v. Pico, 457 U.S. 853 (1982)

**Possible Cross References:**

1312 Community complaints and inquiries  
6161.1 Guidelines for evaluation and selection of instructional materials  
6161.2 Complaints regarding instructional materials