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## INSTRUCTIONAL LIBRARIES/MEDIA CENTERS

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board recognizes the importance of adequate and appropriate instructional materials to complement and augment the educational process. Libraries/instructional media centers serve to enhance the learning activities of students and also serve as an essential instructional resource for teachers.

Therefore, in establishing and maintaining well-organized libraries/media centers for students, the Board subscribes to the following:

- a. To provide a comprehensive collection of instructional materials selected in compliance with basic, written selection principles, and to provide maximum accessibility to these materials.
- b. To provide materials that will support the curriculum, taking into consideration the individual's needs, and the varied interests, abilities, socioeconomic backgrounds, and maturity levels of the students served.
- c. To provide materials for teachers and students that will encourage growth in knowledge and that will develop literary, cultural, and aesthetic appreciation and ethical standards.
- d. To provide materials which reflect the ideas and beliefs of religious, social, political, historical, and ethnic groups and their contributions to the American and world heritage and culture, thereby enabling students to develop an intellectual integrity in forming judgments.
- e. To provide qualified professional personnel to serve teachers and students.
- f. To provide new technologies of information gathering processes that will enable students to develop the competencies and critical thinking skills necessary for lifelong learning by equipping them with the ability not only to locate, but also to evaluate, organize, and use information effectively.

## MATERIALS SELECTION

Materials selection is a continuing process of choosing resources to support the educational goals and objectives of the local school district. The curriculum, the reading levels, the comprehension levels, and the background of the students who will be using the Center shall be basic factors in the selection of such resources.

The School Board delegates to the appropriate instructional staff the responsibility of arriving at the proper guidelines in the choice of materials. In keeping with the above and with an openness to suggestions from administrators, faculty, students and parents, the Library Media Specialist shall be responsible for making the final selections.

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