

Library Books and Library Materials

North Canaan Elementary School librarians and media specialists shall select books and other library materials for values of interest, information and enlightenment of all the people of the community. Books shall not be excluded because of the race, nationality, or the social, political, or religious views of the authors.

The North Canaan Elementary School library shall provide books and other materials presenting all points of view concerning the issues and problems of our times and no library books or materials shall be proscribed or removed from libraries because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval. Should a book or materials become the object of controversy and censorship, the following policy shall be in effect:

1. In accordance with Section 10-221 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the final decision for controversial reading matter shall rest with the Board of Education. Such decision shall be made following careful examination and discussion of the book or reading material with school administration and any other parties the Board may wish to include. The Board of Education shall base its decision regarding the works in question on legitimate pedagogical interests.
2. No parent or group of parents has the right to determine the reading matter for students other than their own children.
3. The Board does recognize the right of an individual parent to request that his child not have to read a given library book.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes 10-182

Contents of textbooks and other general instructional materials.

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