

LIBRARIES/MEDIA CENTERS

~~The School Board believes that school libraries have a responsibility to ensure students and staff are effective efficient users and creators of ideas and information by providing:~~

An effective school library plays a critical role in preparing learners for life in an informative-rich society. Grounded in standards and best practice, school libraries are an integral component of the educational landscape. The school library provides access to a wide array of resources and an environment in which teaching and learning are the primary emphasis. These goals are met by providing:

Note: Above language directly out of the American Association of School Librarians

- ~~1. Safe spaces that provide equitable, inclusive, and personalized access to curated relevant digital and printed material.~~
2. A collaborative and interdisciplinary center to support **the** academic, artistic, ~~and recreational~~ needs of the learning community.
3. Learning activities to explore diverse **that include a variety of** perspectives, where students develop inquiry skills to become ~~information~~ informed literate citizens.
4. Support using current technologies to access information, communicate, collaborate, and to create and share new knowledge.
5. A reading culture where students develop an appreciation of literature and foster a love of reading and learning.

Materials curated for the school library will:

1. Support and enrich the curriculum, taking into consideration students' varied interests, abilities, maturity levels and learning styles.
2. ~~Stimulate~~ **Facilitate student's** growth in factual knowledge, **and appreciation of** literary appreciation, **literature.** ~~aesthetic values and ethical standards.~~
3. Present opposing sides of controversial issues.
- ~~4. Realistically depict our pluralistic society and reflect the contributions of its various religious, ethnic and cultural groups.~~
4. **All materials depicting family life/human sexuality will be in compliance with BP 6142.01. All materials depicting human sexuality will require parental consent before students may access the materials.**

The Board encourages students, families, and staff to use their school libraries frequently and to request materials which they would like added to library collections.

~~Library books and reference materials do not require committee recommendation or Board approval.~~ The librarian at each school shall select these materials in consultation with the principal, department chairpersons and teachers and be in compliance with State law and District library book procurement procedures.

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)
(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)
(cf. 6144 - Controversial Issues)
(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

AS 14.56.300-.340 Library assistance grants

AS.11.61.128 Distribution of Indecent Material to Minors

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

4 AAC 57.020 Annual report of library operations

4 AAC 57.050 - .099 Library assistance grants

4 AAC 57.410 - .490 Public School Library Collection Development Grants

4 AAC 57.990 Definitions

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