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INSTRUCTION

6:230 Library Media Program

The Superintendent or designee shall manage the District's library media program to comply with (1) State law and Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) rule and (2) the following standards:

1. The program includes an organized collection of resources available to students and staff to supplement classroom instruction, foster reading for pleasure, enhance information literacy, and support research, as appropriate to students of all abilities in the grade levels served.
2. Financial resources for the program's resources and supplies are allocated to meet students' needs.
3. Students in all grades served have equitable access to library media resources.
4. The advice of an individual who is qualified according to ISBE rule is sought regarding the overall direction of the program, including the selection and organization of materials, provision of instruction in information and technology literacy, and structuring the work of library paraprofessionals.
5. The program adheres to the principles of the American Library Association's *Library Bill of Rights*, which indicate that materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval. [Q1 PRESSPlus1](#)
6. Staff members are invited to recommend additions to the collection.
7. Students may freely select resource center materials as well as receive guided selection of materials appropriate to specific, planned learning experiences.
8. ~~The program is guided by the principles of the American Library Association's *Library Bill of Rights* and its interpretation for school libraries.~~

Parents/guardians, employees, and community members who believe that library media program resources violate rights guaranteed by any law or Board policy should refer to Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish criteria consistent with this policy for the review of objections. Parents/guardians, employees, and community members with suggestions or complaints about library media program resources may seek out the district's Procedure for Reconsideration of Challenged Materials. The Superintendent or designee shall inform the parent/guardian, employee, or community member, as applicable, of the District's decision.

LEGAL REF.:

75 ILCS 10/8.7.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.420(o).

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:170 (Title I Programs), 6:210 (Instructional Materials), 6:260 (Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs)

Questions and Answers:

***Required Question 1. Updated in response to 75 ILCS 10/8.7, added by P.A. 103-100, eff. 1-1-24, requiring districts that wish to be eligible for State library grants (e.g., school library grants under 75 ILCS 10/8.4) to adopt the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights (available at <https://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill>) or a written statement prohibiting the practice of banning books. In order to be eligible for a School Library Grant, a district must also be a member in good standing of a regional multitype library system (e.g., Illinois Heartland Library System or Reaching Across Illinois Library System) or have applied for membership and been approved for membership in such a system within specific timeframes. 23 Ill.Admin.Code §3035.120.

If the board prefers the alternative language permitted by 75 ILCS 10/8.7, added by P.A. 103-100, eff. 1-1-24, for Standard #5, it may substitute with the following: "The practice of banning books or other materials within the District's library media program is prohibited."

Which policy language has the board adopted?

- The program adheres to the principles of the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights, which indicate that materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval. (Default)
- The practice of banning books or other materials within the District's library media program is prohibited. (IASB will make this substitution.)

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to 75 ILCS 10/8.7, added by P.A. 103-100, eff. 1-1-24. **Issue 113, October 2023**