

**POLICY TITLE: Library Materials**

The school library is a principal location for students to inquire, to study and evaluate, and to gain new maturity and understanding. The Agency has the authority to regulate education and to determine the contents of the library collection. However, the Board also recognizes students' First Amendment constitutional rights. The school and libraries of this Agency are guided by the principles set forth in the Library Bill of Rights and by the Idaho Children's School and Library Protection Act.

Additionally, the Agency's school libraries adhere to all applicable Agency policies and procedures pertaining to student privacy and compliance with the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA) when it comes to records of materials checked out by students and any other student records. Pursuant to State law, the Board has the duty and responsibility to equip and maintain a suitable library and to exclude therefrom all books, tracts, papers, and catechisms of a sectarian nature.

School library books are provided primarily for use by Agency students and staff. Library books may be checked out by either students or staff. Individuals who check out books are responsible for the care and timely return of those materials. The building principal may assess fines for damaged or unreturned books.

Agency residents or parents/guardians of nonresident students attending the Agency may be allowed use of library books at the discretion of the building principal. However, such access shall not interfere with regular school use of those books. Use of the library books outside of the Agency is prohibited except for interlibrary loan agreements with other libraries.

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**Legal References**

IC § 18-1514(6)

**Description**

Obscene Materials — Definitions

IC § 33-512

District Trustees - Governance of Schools

IC18-1517B

Children's School and Library Protection Act

**Other References**

Idaho Commission for Libraries

**Description**

[website](#)

The American Library Association

[Library Bill of Rights](#)

The American Library Association

Access to Resources and Services in the School Library

**Cross References**

**Code**

2140

**Description**

Student and Family Privacy Rights

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