

## LIBRARIES/MEDIA CENTERS

The School Board believes that school libraries have a responsibility to nurture intellectual growth and freedom by providing:

1. Materials that support and enrich the curriculum, taking into consideration students' varied interests, abilities, maturity levels and learning styles.
2. Materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values and ethical standards.
3. Information that will support students' personal needs and enable them to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives.
4. Materials that present opposing sides of controversial issues, so that students may learn, with guidance, how to analyze and think critically about what they read.
5. Materials which realistically depict our pluralistic society and reflect the contributions of its various religious, ethnic and cultural groups.

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

Library staff shall consult with teachers, administrators, students and community members when preparing its recommendations for purchasing, removing or replacing library books and materials.

*(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*

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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