

## Instruction

**SUBJECT: SELECTION OF LIBRARY AND AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS**

In fulfilling its responsibility for the selection of instructional materials for the schools in the Schalmont Central School District, the Board of Education adopts this policy for the guidance of the Superintendent of Schools and his/her professional staff.

The Board of Education as the governing body of the School District, is legally responsible for the selection of instructional materials. Since the Board is a policy-making body, it delegates to professional personnel of the district the authority for the selection of instructional and library materials in accordance with this policy.

Materials for the school classrooms and school libraries shall be selected by the appropriate professional personnel in consultation with administration, faculty and students. Final decision on purchase shall rest with the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designees.

The School Board believes it to be the responsibility of the professional staff to select instructional materials (library books, periodicals, textbooks, supplementary textbooks, maps, globes, charts, slides, prints, films, filmstrips, recordings, etc.) of the highest quality that will support the educational curriculum of the Schalmont School District.

In accordance with this belief, the following policy statements will govern the selection of library and instructional materials.

Materials shall be selected for the following purposes:

- a) To enrich and support the curriculum taking into consideration the diversified interests, ability and maturity levels of the students.
- b) To stimulate growth in factual knowledge.
- c) To enhance literacy appreciation.
- d) To foster aesthetic values and ethical standards.
- e) To provide background knowledge which enables students to make intelligent judgments.
- f) To present various viewpoints on many subjects that will assist in the development of critical judgment and perceptions.

The value and impact of any library or instructional material shall be judged as a whole, taking into account the purpose of the material rather than individual, isolated expressions or incidents in the work.

Rules of the Board of Regents Section 21.4

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