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INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SELECTION

1. Legal Responsibility

As the governing body of the BOCES, the Board shall be legally responsible for the selection and approval of all printed and published materials purchased by BOCES staff. As the policy making body, the Board delegates authority to the professional staff for the selection of media materials, software, and printed instructional materials **including library and other media materials.**

2. Objectives of Selection

The selection of books, films, and other instructional materials shall reflect and support the educational programs of BOCES and its component districts. The materials selected shall:

- a. Provide teachers and students with reference and supplemental materials which support and enrich the curriculum.
- b. Aid the students to develop their social, intellectual, and spiritual values.

3. Criteria for Selection

The criteria for selection of materials shall be:

- a. The needs of individual schools and the needs of individual students.
- b. Provision of a wide range of materials on various levels of difficulty.
- c. Provision of materials of high artistic quality with superior format.
- d. Provision of materials with literary merit.

4. Methods of Selection

- a. Reputable, unbiased, professionally prepared selection aids shall be consulted as guides.
- b. Personal examination and evaluation of materials shall be made by the professional staff whenever possible.

If any person wishes to permanently remove materials from a BOCES library, he/she must seek the formal approval of the Board. The Board may determine that such materials should be removed. Such determination must not be based upon official suppression of ideas, but rather upon the educational suitability of the materials in question. Only the Board and/or the District Superintendent may authorize said permanent removal of instructional materials, pursuant to the decision of the Board.

Cross-ref: 1420, Complaints about Curricula or Instructional Materials
4510, Instructional Materials

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Board of Educ., Island Trees UFSD v. Pico, 457 US 853 (1982)

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