

SCHOOL MEDIA CENTERS

THE MEDIA CENTER IN EACH SCHOOL SHALL SEEK TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THAT INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL BY PROVIDING MATERIALS AND SERVICES IN TYPE, LEVEL, AND SUBJECT MATTER COMMENSURATE WITH THE GOALS OF THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY BEING SERVED.

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RULES**Availability to Students and Teachers**

All school media centers' resources and services are to be accessible to students and teachers throughout each school day that students are in attendance and shall provide for independent or small group study at all times.

The media centers' resources and services are to be available also for additional blocks of time when use of the center and services substantiates the need.

Circulation of materials to students may be terminated one week before the end of the school year, but the media center must remain open for use by students and teachers.

Collection of Materials

The school media center must:

1. Provide a comprehensive collection of instructional materials which support the curriculum, and consider the individual's needs, the varied interests, abilities, socio-economic backgrounds and maturity levels of the students served.
2. Provide materials for teachers and students which encourage growth in knowledge, and develop literary, cultural, aesthetic appreciation, and ethical standards.
3. Provide materials which reflect the ideas and beliefs of all religious, social, political, historical and ethnic groups and their contribution to American and world heritage and culture, thereby enabling students to develop an intellectual integrity in forming judgments.
4. Provide continuous opportunity for teachers and students to share in the selection of materials for the media center.
5. Make use of basic lists of recommended media and recognized authoritative reviewing tools, particularly when the materials cannot be personally examined.
6. Devise a plan for the continuous reevaluation of the materials in order to keep the collection current and relevant to the changing needs of the curriculum and emerging technologies.

A Media Center Advisory Committee of each school shall develop additional written policies regarding selection and use of educational media to meet the needs of the individual school.

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