

Selection Policy for Libraries Belonging to Bay Area Independent School Libraries

Bay Area Independent School Librarians endorses the School Library Bill of Rights as affirmed by the American Association of School Librarians and the Students' Right to Read statement as issued by the National Council of Teachers of English.

RESPONSIBILITY

The selection of all library materials is the responsibility of the professional librarian.

PURPOSE

The library collection must serve to support the curriculum, educational philosophy, learning needs, and recreational reading requirements appropriate to the age and social development of the students.

CRITERIA

Selection is based on bibliographies and reviews from professional library organizations and other reviewing media which stress evaluation of authorship authority, content accuracy, literary merit, and reader interest. Consideration is given to the need, contribution, and suitability of the material with regard to the intellectual, social, and spiritual development of the students.

GIFTS

All gifts are judged by the same criteria as purchased materials, and accepted or rejected accordingly.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY MATERIAL

Criticism must be made in writing. Statement must include author, title, publisher, and page number of each item to which objection is being made. The statement must be signed and identification given which allows a proper reply to be made. A committee of school personnel will be appointed to re-evaluate the materials questioned and make appropriate recommendations. During the request for removal process, the item in question will remain in circulation.

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[ALA Selection Policy and Review Process Resource Guide.](#)

[Library Bill of Rights](#) from ALA

[Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights](#) from ALA.

ALA [Workbook for Selection Policy Writing](#)

Sample of [Form for Reconsideration of a Library Resources](#) from ALA