

**MEDIA CENTER/LIBRARY**

The district's media centers shall contain a wide range of materials on all levels of difficulty, appealing to diverse tastes, and presenting different points of view. Every pupil shall have access to a media collection containing materials appropriate to age level, interests and courses of study.

The superintendent has final responsibility for the selection of media center materials by professionally trained personnel--media specialists, teachers, principals and supervisors. Requests from faculty and pupils shall be given consideration.

In selecting materials to recommend for purchase, the media specialist shall evaluate the existing collection and consult reputable, unbiased, professionally prepared selection aids, and specialists from all departments and/or all grade levels.

In addition to standard book materials, the board shall provide for the use of a wide variety of audiovisual materials and equipment to enhance the curriculum.

The media centers shall offer a continuous program of instruction in library and study skills, preparing pupils for independent use of learning resources and for development of reading, listening and viewing abilities and tastes.

The superintendent shall develop and present for board approval a media center/library program to provide necessary space, personnel and material to implement this policy.

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**Legal References:** Use legal reference sheet.

**Key Words:** Library, Media Center, Audiovisual Materials

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**Other Reasons:**

Adequate library facilities and a library skills program are basic to a thorough and efficient system of education.

**Recommendation:**

A policy directing establishment of a library skills program and also addressing provision of adequate library facilities. Responsibility for selection of materials should be assigned and mention made of procedures to handle citizens' questions of choice of materials. Media center and library are interchangeable terms.

Note that an endorsement is required for any person assigned to develop and coordinate educational media services in the public schools, or to perform educational media services in the public schools under the supervision of a qualified supervisor.

**Legal References:**

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| N.J.A.C. 6:11-11.17 | Educational media specialist           |
| N.J.A.C. 6:11-11.18 | Associate educational media specialist |
| N.J.A.C. 15:22      | Library network services               |

Board of Education Island Trees U.F.S.D. v. Pico, 457 U.S. 853 (1982)

**Possible Cross References:**

- \*1312 Community complaints and inquiries
- \*6161.1 Guidelines for evaluation and selection of instructional materials
- \*6161.2 Complaints regarding instructional materials

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.