- be appropriate for the ability level, learning styles and emotional and social development of the students for whom the materials are selected; and

- support a balanced approach to controversial issues that will include representation of various points of view.

3000.05-AR Selection of Media Center Materials

Through Board of Education Policy 3000.05, Selection of Media Center Materials, the Superintendent is responsible for the selection of media center materials throughout the School District. In authorizing purchases brought to him/her for approval, the Superintendent will receive recommendations from School District professional staff members, parents and students.

Criteria for Selection:

In selecting materials for the Media Center, such materials should:

- support and be consistent with the general educational goals of the School District;

- meet high standards of quality in factual content, artistic and literary value, and presentation;

- be appropriate for the age, emotional development, ability level, and social development of students for whom materials are selected;

- have aesthetic, literary, scientific or social value;

- be current and up-to-date; and

- are selected to reflect our diverse society.

The selection of materials on controversial issues will be directed towards maintaining a diverse collection representing various points of view.

3000.06-AR Parental Objections

Through Board of Education Policy 3000.06, Parental Objections, the Board seeks to assure that parents have an opportunity to present objections and have those objections fairly considered, with respect to the School District's curriculum, selection of textbooks and other instructional materials and media center materials.

Curriculum

A parent who objects to a portion of the School District's curriculum may submit the objection, in writing, addressed to the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent will respond within ten (10) business days, taking one of the following actions:

1. Grant the relief requested by the parent
2. Deny the objection
3. Schedule a meeting with the parent to further review the objection
4. Form a committee to review the objection

Following final action by the Superintendent, the parent may file a written appeal with the Board of Education.

Textbooks, Other Instructional Materials and Media Center Materials

Parents who have concerns over textbooks, other instructional materials or media center materials in the school building in which their child attends, may submit objections to the building principal. The principal will respond within ten (10) business days, taking one of the following actions:

1. Grant the relief requested by the parent
2. Deny the objection
3. Schedule a meeting with the parent to further review the objection.
4. Form a committee to review the objection

A final decision of the principal may be appealed, in writing, to the Superintendent.

Following receipt of an appeal, the Superintendent will respond within ten (10) business days, taking one of the following actions:

1. Grant the relief requested by the parent
2. Deny the objection
3. Schedule a meeting with the parent to further review the objection
4. Form a committee to review the objection

Following final action by the Superintendent, the parent may appeal, in writing, to the Board of Education.

Upon its receipt of an appeal, the Board of Education, at its next regular meeting, will decide the level of review it will undertake. Actions may include, but are not limited to:

1. affirm the decision of the Superintendent;

2. invite the parent to make a written or oral presentation to the Board;

3. refer the matter to a committee for study and recommendation;

4. direct the Superintendent to take specified action with respect to the matter; or

5. decline to review the matter.