

## 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 Chief School Administrator 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 online and 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 Chief School Administrator 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:

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. 6:11-11.19 Policies governing issuance of endorsements in educational media

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

### Cross References:

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

## **SELECTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL LIBRARY MATERIALS**

The primary objective of the school's educational media center is to implement, enrich and support the educational program of the school. To this end, the Board of Education of Norwood will:

- a. Provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities, and maturity levels of the pupils served;
- b. Provide materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards;
- c. Provide a background of information which will enable pupils to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives;
- d. Provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that young citizens may develop under guidance the practice of critical analysis of all media;
- e. Provide materials representative of the many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritage;
- f. Provide materials which explain the American government and its economic system.

### **Responsibility for Selection of Materials**

The responsibility for the recommendation of instructional materials is that of the personnel employed by the school system.

The Norwood Board of Education is legally responsible for all matters relating to the operation of Norwood School.

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