

Board Policy 2500: Library Materials

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The school library is a principal location for students to inquire, to study and evaluate, and to gain new maturity and understanding. The District has the authority to regulate education and to determine the contents of the library collection. However, the Board also recognizes students' First Amendment constitutional rights. The school and classroom libraries of this District are guided by the principles set forth in the Library Bill of Rights and by the Idaho Children's School and Library Protection Act.

Additionally, the District's school libraries adhere to all applicable District policies and procedures pertaining to student privacy and compliance with the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA) when it comes to records of materials checked out by students and any other student records. Pursuant to State law, the Board has the duty and responsibility to equip and maintain a suitable library and to exclude therefrom all books, tracts, papers, and catechisms of a sectarian nature.

School library books are provided primarily for use by District students and staff. Library books may be checked out by either students or staff. Individuals who check out books are responsible for the care and timely return of those materials. The building principal may assess fines for damaged or unreturned books.

District residents or parents/guardians of nonresident students attending the District may be allowed use of library books at the discretion of the building principal. However, such access shall not interfere with regular school use of those books. Use of the library books outside of the District is prohibited except for interlibrary loan agreements with other libraries.

Access to Restricted Materials

The school library may have resources available to students that are available only with parent/guardian permission for minor students. Students' access to such materials shall require a permission slip signed by their parent/guardian. The permission slip may provide permission to access one or more specific materials or provide permission to access materials in the restricted access section. Students over the age of 18 may check out materials in the restricted access section.

Legal References

IC § 18-1514(6)

IC § 33-512

IC18-1517B

Description

Obscene Materials – Definitions

District Trustees - Governance of Schools

Children's School and Library Protection Act

Other References

Description

Idaho Commission for Libraries	website
The American Library Association	Library Bill of Rights
The American Library Association	Access to Resources and Services in the School Library

Cross References

Code	Description
2140	Student and Family Privacy Rights
2140-F(1)	Student and Family Privacy Rights - Consent Form
2510	Selection of Library Materials
2510-P(1)	Selection of Library Materials
2520	Selection, Adoption, Use, and Removal of Curricular Materials
2530	Learning Materials Review & Reconsideration
2530-F(1)	Learning Materials Review & Reconsideration - Request for Review & Reconsideration of Learning Materials
3570	Student Records
3570-P(1)	Student Records - Maintenance of School Student Records
3570-F(1)	Student Records - Notification to Parents' and Student's of Rights Concerning a Student's School Records
3570-F(2)	Student Records - Permission to Use Likeness
3575	Student Data Privacy and Security
7310	Advertising in Schools/Revenue Enhancement