

Board Policy

Library Media Centers

BP 6163.1

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that school libraries support the educational program by providing access to a variety of informational and supplemental resources that can help raise the academic achievement of all students. The Board desires that school libraries be stocked with up-to-date books, reference materials, and electronic resources that promote literacy, support academic standards, and prepare students to become lifelong learners.

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)

(cf. 1330.1 - Joint Use Agreements)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)

(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

Selection and Evaluation of School Library Materials

Library materials shall include print and electronic resources that align with the curriculum and are accessible to students with varying cognitive or language needs.

Library materials shall be evaluated and selected through a process that invites recommendations from administrators, teachers, other staff, parents/guardians, and students as appropriate.

(cf. 6144 - Controversial Issues)

(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)

Library materials shall be continually evaluated in relation to evolving curricula, new formats of materials, new instructional methods, and the needs of students and teachers. Materials that contain outdated subject matter or are no longer appropriate shall be removed.

(cf. 3270 - Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies)

All gifts and donations of school library materials shall be subject to the same criteria as materials selected for purchase by the district.

(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)

(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)

Complaints regarding the appropriateness of library materials shall be addressed using the district's procedures for complaints regarding library materials.

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)

Fees

Students shall be allowed to borrow school library materials at no charge for use in the library and classrooms as well as out of school. (5 CCR 16042)

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

Students shall be encouraged to return library materials in a timely manner, but no charge shall be assessed for the late return of materials.

If library materials are lost or damaged while signed out by an elementary student, the guidelines for replacement or repair are as follows:

- Replacement costs, for both lost and damaged books, will be determined by library vendor prices.
- Replacement fees for lost books that are found/returned within the school year will be refunded to student/parent.
- Unpaid replacement fees will continue to be on the student's account until payment is received.

Program Evaluation

The district shall, on or before August 31 each year, report to the CDE on the condition of its school libraries for the preceding year ending June 30. (Education Code 18122)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1703 Coordination of district library services by county superintendent

1770-1775 Provision of library services by county superintendent

18100-18203 School libraries

18300-18571 Union high school district/unified school district library district

19335-19336 Reading Initiative Program; recommended books

35021 Volunteer aides

44868-44869 Qualifications and employment of library media teachers

45340-45349 Instructional aides

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

16040-16043 School libraries

80023-80023.2 Emergency permits, general requirements
80024.6 Emergency teacher librarian services permit
80026-80026.6 Emergency permits
80053-80053.1 Teacher librarian services credential

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Examples of Model School Library Standards for California Public Schools Supporting Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects, rev. February 2012

Model School Library Standards for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2010 (includes standards for student instruction as well as program standards)

Looking at the School Library: An Evaluation Tool, 2003

Recommended Literature: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS

Standards and Guidelines for Strong School Libraries, 2004

WEB SITES

American Association of School Libraries: <http://www.ala.org/aasl>

California Department of Education, School Libraries: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/lb>

California School Library Association: <http://www.csla.net>