

Seminole Trails Elementary School
Library/Media Center Collection
Development Plan
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SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Seminole Trails Elementary School is to provide a safe, nurturing environment where diversity is celebrated, mutual respect among adults and children is practiced, and parents and caregivers are seen as valued partners in establishing the foundations of academics and life-long learning.

MEDIA CENTER MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Seminole Trails Elementary Library Media Center is to provide a collaborative program that will instruct, enhance, and support the goals and objectives of the entire school. It strives to assist all members in becoming effective users of ideas and information while providing an environment that encourages a lifelong love of reading. The media center collection will provide materials that support and enrich the instructional program. Materials will reflect a wide range of interests on varying levels of difficulty and diversity of appeal consistent with our school population.

The Media Center of Seminole Trails Elementary will help to increase reading on grade level by 3rd grade through:

- Book selection
- Reading promos
- Interactive read alouds
- Literacy celebrations
- Author visits
- Books clubs
- Battle of the Books
- Maximize circulation
- And encourage summer reading

ANNUAL GOALS

- Weed nonfiction titles which are outdated (priority given to 500 and 900s)
- Host an author visit
- Increase student and faculty circulation
- Increase eBook circulation
- Add titles to our nonfiction collection to support our diverse population
- Increase technology for media center – Makerspace/iPads etc.
- Teach faculty and students how to use the Destiny Library Catalog
- Teach students to utilize Destiny Discover
- Support teachers and students in utilizing technology

LONG TERM GOALS

- Continue to build student use of eBooks in MackinVia and Destiny Discover
- Lower the average age of the collection
- Seek additional funding through grant applications

School Community

Seminole Trails Elementary School serves a multi-ethnic school population that consists of 649 students in PreK – 5th grade. They come from a predominantly economically disadvantaged community. The ethnic composition of the student body is 8% White, 67% Black, 16% Hispanic, 4% Asian, and 5% other. The percentage of students designated as English Language Learners (ELL) is 11% and Exceptional Student Education (ESE) is 23%. The percentage of students receiving free and reduced lunch is 88.91%.

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

The acquisition and maintenance of the Library Media Center materials collection is a primary function of the library media center's mission. Collection development refers to the process of building and maintaining the library's entire materials collection, in both print and non-print formats. The collection development process includes the formulation of policy and procedures, budget allocations, needs assessment, selection, collection maintenance and evaluation, and resource sharing.

The primary goal of the Media Center's collection development efforts is to build a current collection that supports the needs of the school community. This goal reinforces the School District of Palm Beach County and Seminole Trails Elementary School's missions. The Library Media Center recognizes its responsibility to respond to the research needs of the student body and faculty. It will do this through its commitment to provide access services, including online database searching and document delivery. With the understanding that no library media center can supply materials to satisfy all the needs of its users, the Seminole Trails Elementary Media Center will help to assist in inter-library loans for our students and staff.

The Library Media Specialist at Seminole Trails Elementary School serves as the liaison to all grade levels as well as to parents and students.

Scope of the Collection

The collection will contain a wide variety of print and non-print materials that are appropriate for the different ability levels and learning styles. The collection will maintain at least 12 books per student. Patrons will be encouraged to use the district and state media center databases as sources for additional materials.

Selection of Materials

As per School Board Policy 8.12:

1. **Adequate Instructional Materials**-- Instructional materials for the Library Media Center including print, non-print, serials [periodicals], electronic resources, computer software, video images, films, and instructional television programs represent fundamental resources selected for schools to support instruction, promote reading, further the pursuit of knowledge through research and exploration, and provide information literacy experiences of educational significance for class groups, individual students, teachers and administrators. This policy does not apply to internet access. It is the shared responsibility of the State, District and school, *within budgetary constraints*, to provide an adequate

number and range of library media materials and resources in a variety of formats that are appropriate, timely, and essential to the attainment of specified educational objectives subject to District policy. It is also the responsibility of the State and District *and school* to provide library media materials that represent the diverse cultures, ethnic groups, languages and religious beliefs of the community and that are free of bias, stereotypes, distortions, and prejudices.

2. **Purpose.** -- The Board believes that the selection, challenge, and removal of instructional materials are within its jurisdiction pursuant to relevant statutory and constitutional laws. The library media center, within budgetary constraints, shall contain a comprehensive collection of materials and equipment, in a variety of media formats that are accessible to students during the school day, to:

- a. Promote the development of life-long reading habits *and information literacy skills* in students;
- b. Provide a broad background of information resources in areas of knowledge;
- c. Support the general educational goals of the District and the objectives of specific courses, including materials that represent diverse points of view in order that young citizens may develop, under guidance, the practice of critical analysis of media and intellectual integrity in forming judgments;
- d. Meet the personal needs and interests of students, including materials that: nurture the development of recreational reading/listening/ viewing, cultural appreciation, and aesthetic values; represent the many religious, racial, ethnic, linguistic, and cultural groups in our society and reflect their contributions to the heritage and culture of our civilization; foster respect for the diverse roles available to women and men in today's society; and provide access to materials in heritage language as stipulated by the META agreement.
- e. Support the professional needs of teachers and administrators; and
- f. Introduce new instructional technologies into the learning environment.

3. **Choice.** -- Library media materials and supplemental classroom instructional materials are available to students and staff as optional resources and are *usually* not mandatory reading as is the case with textbook instructional materials.

a. Library media that is sensitive or mature may not be appropriate for all readers in a school but remains a part of the collection to address the needs of some of the reading community if it meets the selection criteria of the school. Educators and library media specialists should be sensitive to the reading level, belief system, interest level and maturity level of students when helping make selections for individuals, reading aloud to groups, or when having whole class participation in a reading project. *If a parent or adult student states a reasonable objection to library or classroom reading material assigned to an entire class, provision will be made for the student to have comparable instruction through an alternate reading assignment without penalty.*

b. For the purposes of this Policy and Policy 8.1205, *supplemental classroom materials* are defined as print and non-print materials in different formats (e. g. books, DVDs, electronic storage) that are usually optional but are used as adjuncts to enrich and augment the required reading materials in a class or subject area.

4. **Use of Library Media Materials Allocation.**-- School principals are responsible for ensuring that operating budget and state categorical funds are used to purchase library

media materials that reinforce instruction and stimulate leisure reading for the students enrolled at the grade level(s) for which the materials are designed and to effectively communicate to parents the manner in which materials are used to implement the curriculum of the school under Fla. Stat. § 1006.28(3)(a).

5. **Management of Library Media Instructional Materials.**-- Following practice and precedent, the school library media centers in Palm Beach County will arrange media and materials according to the Dewey Decimal Classification System. *Library media materials acquired with funds from the General Appropriation Act of the State of Florida are to be cataloged and inventoried as part of the library media collection.* Library media materials may be inventoried in one to three year cycles.

6. **Selection Criteria**

a. Instructional materials for use in school media centers or classroom library collections shall be carefully selected. A choice of materials that support the instructional program and promote reading shall be available to students and professional staff to allow for varying achievement levels, interests, and teaching/learning styles. Each school shall, in conjunction with the "Library Bill of Rights" (www.ala.org/ala/oif/statementspols/statementsif/librarybillrights.htm) of the American Library Association ("ALA") and District policy, establish procedures for the evaluation, selection, management, and disposal of library media materials in conformance with this policy and Policy 8.1205 and shall record such in the school's collection development policy.

b. The "Library Bill of Rights" referenced herein is to be used as a suggested guideline. To the extent that there are inconsistencies between the guidelines in the "Library Bill of Rights" and District policy, District policy shall take precedence and shall govern the selection, retention and disposition criteria of instructional materials for library media centers and classrooms.

c. Selection of materials shall also be consistent with the provisions in the School Board's collective bargaining agreement with CTA relating to academic freedom and responsibilities--Article II, Section K--to the extent those provisions are applicable.

d. In conjunction with the selection criteria above, library media specialists, teachers and administrators at each school location shall evaluate and select print and non-print materials for the library media center and classroom using several of the criteria outlined below, as appropriate for the media type. However, in accordance with Fla. Stat. § 847.012, criteria "xvi" and "xvii" below (relating to obscenity and copyright) must be two of the criteria used in the evaluation of all materials.

i. PROFESSIONAL REVIEWS.-- Print or nonprint media including video footage that have been favorably reviewed by two or more professional sources such as a *School Library Journal*, *Horn Book*, *Booklist*, and/or *Children's Catalog*.

ii. EDUCATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.-- Material is valuable to an individual course of study or to the library media collection; the degree to which the material would be supplemented and explained by mature classroom instruction.

iii. APPROPRIATENESS.-- Material is geared to the age, maturity, diverse interests, and learning levels of students for whom it is intended. Reading levels and lexiles are considered to

provide a range of material that challenges the student and guides their selection process.

- iv. ACCURACY.-- Nonfiction information is correct, recent, and objective.
- v. LITERARY MERIT.-- Fiction that has a noteworthy plot, setting, characterization, style and theme.
- vi. SCOPE.-- Content is covered adequately to achieve its intended purpose.
- vii. AUTHORITY.-- The author, editor, or producer has a superior reputation for producing materials of this nature.
- viii. SPECIAL FEATURES.-- The item has maps, charts, graphs, glossaries, and/or other learning aids that support the content, are unique or are valuable.
- ix. TRANSLATION INTEGRITY.-- Material translated from one language to another maintains the stylistic characteristics of the original.
- x. ARRANGEMENT.-- Concepts are presented in a logical sequence and in a way that assures learning.
- xi. TREATMENT.-- Typeset, visuals, style, and/or medium captures and holds the student's attention.
- xii. TECHNICAL QUALITY.-- Sound is clear and audible; visuals project clearly.
- xiii. AESTHETIC QUALITY.-- Material is superior to similar items in attractiveness and presentation of content.
- xiv. POTENTIAL DEMAND.-- Item has particular timeliness or popular appeal.
- xv. DURABILITY.-- Material has the potential for frequent use or is of a nature that it will be considered consumable.
- xvi. OBSCENITY.-- No books or other material containing hard-core pornography or otherwise prohibited by Fla. Stat. § 847.012 shall be used.
- xvii. [COPYRIGHT.--Supplemental instructional materials and library media materials used in a school shall be procured and used in accordance with federal, state and District copyright laws, rules, and policies as referenced in School Board Policy 8.121.]*

(*Editorial note: Criteria xvii is referenced in subsection (6)(d) and was intended to be included in the adopted Policy, though inadvertently omitted.)

STATUTORY	Fla. Stat. §§ 1001.41(1)(2) & (5); 1001.42 (2)(11)(13)
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LAWS	Fla. Stat. §§ 1001.32(2); 1001.42(7) & (17)(a);
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Challenges

The Media Center does not add or withdraw, at the request of any individual or group, material, which has been chosen or excluded on the basis of stated selection criteria. The Media Center follows the guidelines established by the School District of Palm Beach County Administrative Directive 8.1205

CITIZEN'S RIGHT TO CHALLENGE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL

As per School Board Policy 8.1205

1. Grievance Procedures Concerning Instructional Materials Including Textbooks, Library Media Materials, and Supplemental Classroom Instructional Materials

a. The Superintendent or his/her designee is authorized to administer the following procedures in accordance with federal and state law to insure timely and objective review of instructional materials, including textbooks.

b. Any resident of Palm Beach County, or adult student or parent of a child attending public school in Palm Beach County may file a complaint with a school concerning the use of a particular library book, or non-print media. Challenged materials may be removed from use in the school where the complaint was initiated only after the complaint and decision procedures of this Policy have been completed.

c. Complaints filed by a parent or adult student shall be heard in the school in which that student is registered. If the parent has children at different schools in Palm Beach County, then the complaint must specify which school(s) the complaint pertains to and it will be heard in that/those school(s). If the complainant is not the parent of a child in the school district, the complaint will be assigned to the appropriate school within the boundary corresponding to the residence of the complainant for review if the material is located at that school or to the school in close proximity where the material is located.

2. **School Level: Informal Complaint**

a. Any complaint arising out of the use of a material in a school shall be registered in writing with the principal of the school. Within five school days of the receipt of the complaint, the principal and/or his/her designee and the appropriate staff member(s) shall meet with the complainant to explain:

i. the school's selection procedures for these materials;

ii. the criteria used for the selection of these materials;

iii. the role that the material in question has in the school's curriculum or library media center or classroom collection; and

iv. whatever additional information is deemed needed regarding the item's use.

b. If the complainant is not satisfied with the explanation and desires to file a formal complaint, the formal procedures below shall be followed.

3. **School Level: Formal Complaint**

a. The complainant shall obtain a copy of form PBSB 1113 ("Request for Reconsideration of Instructional Materials") from the principal or a designee. A copy of the form is also available on the District's Web site at www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/Records/PDF/1113.pdf and is incorporated herein by reference

as part of this Policy. The complainant shall sign and complete the form in its entirety for each instructional material to be considered, including stating the basis of the objection, retain one copy, and send one copy of the completed form to the principal of the school. *Failure to completely fill out the form along with complainant's signature will result in the rejection of the form and no formal review process under this subsection will be initiated.*

b. A challenge to the same material(s) by multiple challengers within one school can be consolidated into one challenge for consideration by the School Materials Review Committee, principal, Superintendent, District Material Review Committee, and School Board (the reviewing persons and entities) as set forth in the below proceedings.

c. A challenge to multiple materials will require additional preparation time for the reviewing persons and entities set forth below. A challenge of more than five instructional materials will add an additional two (2) days per item to the time deadlines for the school or District actions that are specified within this Policy.

d. For materials used *in that school*, the completed form and the material in question shall be studied by a School Materials Review Committee appointed on an ad hoc basis by the school principal. Representation on the School Materials Review Committee should reflect the diversity of the District and school, and the following provisions apply:

i. The committee shall consist of the principal or his/her designee of the school where the complaint was made; two teachers in the appropriate subject area/grade; one teacher from another subject area/grade; a library media specialist; a guidance counselor; one student from the appropriate grade level or a student who is accomplished in the specific subject area (middle and senior high school only); one lay person from the school's Parent- Teacher Association or the School Advisory Council; a representative designated by the Area Superintendent, and a representative from the District department representing Instructional Materials, Curriculum and/or Library Media Services.

ii. The School Materials Review Committee shall meet within fifteen (15) school work days of receipt by the principal of the reconsideration form. The complainant shall be notified of the committee's meeting date and time and shall be invited to present arguments for no more than 10 minutes unless time is extended by the committee for good cause. A question/answer period or committee discussion may follow the presentation at the committee's discretion.

iii. The School Materials Review Committee shall solicit, if readily available, professional written reviews of the material, from sources such as those listed in School Board Policy 8.12(6)(d)(i).

iv. The School Materials Review Committee shall be chaired by the principal or his/her designee. A recorder of minutes shall be appointed from the membership of the committee to take minutes and to record the recommendation of the committee.

v. If the review is not completed, the committee may schedule additional meetings. Within five (5) school work days of its final meeting, the School Materials Review Committee shall prepare the committee's recommendation with supporting reasons and use form PBSB 1857, School Materials Review Committee Recommendations, or a signed letter written on school letterhead. The form can be found on the District's Web site at www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/Records/PDF/1857.pdf and is incorporated herein by reference.

e. Guidelines for Committee's Recommendation.-- The School Materials Review Committee shall review enough of the relevant portions of the material being challenged

in order to make an informed recommendation on the request. The committee shall also consider readily available reviews of the material, study the comments on the complainant's questionnaire, consider one or more of the evaluative criteria in Policy 8.12(6) (for media center and supplemental class room instructional materials) or State requirements and guidelines and Policy 8.122 (for textbooks) and shall render a decision based on a majority vote.

i. The selection criteria in Policy 8.12(6), for media center and supplemental classroom instructional materials, shall be made available to all interested persons.

ii. The recommendation to the principal will be based on the selection criteria in School Board Policy 8.12(6) (for media center and supplemental classroom instructional materials), State requirements and guidelines and School Board Policy 8.122 (for textbooks), and the following additional factors and criteria:

A. educational significance of the material;

B. appropriateness of age and maturity level;

C. need and value to the collection/curriculum;

D. summation of the professional reviews on the media;

E. literary merit;

F. validity, accuracy, objectivity, and up-to-date and appropriate information;

G. freedom from stereotypes, bias, prejudice or distortion; and

H. timeliness or permanence.

I. In addition, the recommendation shall also consider the provisions in the School Board's collective bargaining agreement with CTA relating to academic freedom and responsibilities--Article II, Section K--to the extent those provisions are applicable. However, pursuant to current case law, the committee may not recommend removal of non-curricular books from the school's media center or classroom simply because a majority of the committee dislikes the ideas or the points-of-view contained in the media center instructional or supplemental classroom instructional materials.

f. Committee's Recommendation to the Principal.-- The committee's final recommendation shall be immediately forwarded to the school principal and may be any or a combination of the following:

i. allow the challenged material to maintain its current status;

ii. Leave the challenged material in the classroom or library media center, but allow students to use alternate materials approved by school personnel who require the use of the disputed item;

iii. Limit the educational use of the challenged material;

iv. Transfer the challenged material to a higher level school (e. g. elementary to a middle school); and/or

v. remove the challenged material from the school environment.

g. Principal's Written Decision. -- Within five (5) school work days after receipt of the School Materials Review Committee's recommendation, the principal shall make a decision, based on the same criteria considered by the committee as set forth in subsection (3)(e) above, on whether to follow the committee's recommendation, and shall inform the complainant *in writing* of the recommendation of the committee, the principal's decision, and *the reasons for the recommendation and decision*. This written communication must

inform the complainant of the next level of appeal under this policy and the time deadline. Such communication shall be sent by regular U. S. Mail, and certified mail, return receipt requested.

4. **District Level: Formal Appeal.** The complainant may appeal the principal's decision to the Superintendent, subject to the following provisions.

a. If the complainant appeals the principal's decision, the principal shall send copies of all reports and communications to division and department heads that supervise Instructional Materials, Curriculum and Library Media Services and to the appropriate Area Superintendent.

b. Access to challenged materials shall not be restricted during the reconsideration process; the materials shall remain in use unless the School Materials Review Committee, through formal vote, recommended removal of the instructional materials to the principal, and the decision to remove is made by the principal.

c. Within twenty (20) calendar days of the date of the principal's decision, the complainant shall notify the Superintendent in writing of the request to appeal. *Failure to comply with these requirements will result in the appeal not being considered.*

d. Within twenty (20) school work days of receipt of such request, the Superintendent or his/her designee and appropriate staff shall review the action taken at the school level and issue a decision based on the same criteria set forth in subsection (3)(e) above and with the same alternative results as set forth in subsection (3)(f) above. If the decision does not include further review by the Superintendent/designee (and District Materials Review Committee), the complainant shall be so notified of the decision and be informed of the ability and deadline to request *in writing* an appearance to appeal directly to The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida in accordance with this Policy. Notice to the complainant shall be made by regular U. S. Mail and certified mail, return receipt requested.

e. If the Superintendent finds cause for further review, the complaint shall be submitted to a District Materials Review Committee whose representation reflects the diversity of the District and school, appointed on an ad hoc basis by the Superintendent or his/her designee, according to the following provisions:

i. Representation on District Instructional Materials Committees should reflect the diversity of the District and schools.

ii. Individuals on the District Materials Review Committee cannot be the same as those that served on the School Materials Review Committee.

iii. The committee shall consist of the Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, or his/her designee; an appropriate Area Superintendent or designee; one principal at the appropriate level; a division or department head that supervises Instructional Materials, Curriculum, and/or Library Media Services, an appropriate subject area Administrator/Program Planner; one teacher in the appropriate subject area/grade; one library media specialist; one student from the appropriate grade level or a student who is accomplished in the specific subject area (middle and senior high only); a representative from the Palm Beach County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations who will be appointed by the President of the District Association, a representative from the District Advisory Committee; and one lay person. The Chief Counsel to the School

Board, or designated attorney(s) of his/her Office, may be invited to provide legal advice to the Committee, if deemed appropriate by the Superintendent.

iv. In the event that a person from a position named above cannot be present at the District Materials Review Committee meeting(s), the Superintendent may appoint an alternate.

v. District Materials Review Committee Procedures

A. The District Materials Review Committee shall be chaired by the Assistant Superintendent, Division of Curriculum or his/her designee. A recorder of minutes shall be appointed from the membership of the committee to take minutes and to record the recommendation of the committee.

B. The District Materials Review Committee shall solicit, if readily available, professional written reviews of the material, from sources such as those listed in Policy 8.12(6) (d) (i).

C. The District Materials Review Committee shall meet and *provide a recommendation with supporting reasons* to the Superintendent within twenty (20) school work days of receipt of the referral from the Superintendent, based on the criteria set forth in subparagraph (4)(e)(v)D and paragraph (vi) below. The complainant shall be notified of the committee's meeting date and time and shall be invited to present argument for no more than 10 minutes, unless time is extended by the committee for good cause. A question/answer period or committee discussion may follow the presentation *at the committee's discretion*.

D. If the review is not completed, the committee may schedule additional meetings. Within five (5) school work days of its final meeting, the District Materials Review Committee shall prepare the committee's recommendations with supporting reasons.

f. Guidelines for Recommendation to the Superintendent.-- The District Materials Review Committee shall review enough of the relevant portions of the material being challenged in order to make an informed recommendation on the request. The committee shall also consider readily available reviews of the material, study the comments on the complainant's questionnaire, consider one or more of the evaluative criteria in School Board Policy 8.12(6) (for media center and supplemental classroom instructional materials) or State requirements and guidelines and School Board Policy 8.122 (for textbooks) and shall render a decision based on a majority vote.

i. The Selection Criteria in Policy 8.12(6) (for media center and supplemental classroom instructional materials) shall be made available to all interested persons.

ii. The recommendation to the Superintendent will be based on the selection criteria in School Board Policy 8.12(6) (for media center and supplemental classroom instructional materials), State requirements and guidelines and School Board Policy 8.122 (for textbooks), as well as the following criteria:

- A. educational significance of the material;
- B. appropriateness of age and maturity level;
- C. need and value to the collection/curriculum;
- D. summation of the professional reviews on the media;
- E. literary merit;
- F. validity, accuracy, objectivity, and up-to-date and appropriate information;
- G. freedom from stereotypes, bias, prejudice or distortion; and

- H. timeliness or permanence.
- I. In addition, the recommendation shall also consider the provisions in the School Board's collective bargaining agreement with CTA relating to academic freedom and responsibilities--Article II, Section K--to the extent those provisions are applicable. However, pursuant to current case law, the committee may not recommend removal of non-curricular books from the school's media center or classroom simply because a majority of the committee dislikes the ideas, or the points-of-view contained in the media center or supplemental classroom instructional materials.
- g. Committee's Recommendation to the Superintendent.-- The recommendation of the District Materials Review Committee and the basis for that recommendation shall be transmitted to the Superintendent; the Chief Academic Officer, the principal of the school that received the original complaint; and the complainant.
- h. Superintendent's/Designee's Written Decision.-- The Superintendent or his/her designee shall make a final decision, based on the same criteria considered by the committee as set forth in subparagraph (4)(f) above, within five (5) school work days of receipt of the District Materials Review Committee recommendation, and send a written report of that decision to the Chief Academic Officer, the appropriate Assistant Superintendent, the principal of the school; and the complainant. *The written decision shall state procedures and time limits to appeal to the Board if the complainant is dissatisfied.* This decision shall be sent to the complainant by regular U. S. mail and certified mail, return receipt requested.
- i. The Public Affairs Department shall make the selection criteria and a copy of the material(s) in question available for review upon request of interested persons.

5. Board Level Appeal

- a. The complainant may appeal the decision of the Superintendent/designee to the School Board under subsection (4)(b) or paragraph (4)(d) above by filing a signed writing with the School Board Clerk within thirty (30) days of the decision and may request an appearance before the School Board.
- b. After notice to the appealing party, the School Board Level review shall occur at a public meeting and allow presentation of evidence. The School Board's decision shall be based on the same criteria considered by the Superintendent as set forth in subsections (4)(f) and (h) above.

6. Policy Awareness

- a. A copy of the selection and reconsideration procedures as set forth in this Policy and in Board Policy 8.12 should be a part of the Collection Development Policy for each school library media center and should be available for easy access and reference.
- b. Each school principal should include at a minimum, a summary or references to this Challenge Policy and School Board Policy 8.12 in the school's staff handbook and shall review the selection and reconsideration procedures with the staff as needed, emphasizing Board policy pertaining to the teaching of controversial issues and the ethical considerations that are needed in handling citizen complaints with courtesy and integrity. STATUTORY Fla. Stat. §§ 1001.41(1)(2) & (5); 1001.42 (2)(11)(13) & (23) AUTHORITY:

LAWS Fla. Stat. §§ 1001.32(2); 1001.41(i)(2) & (5); 1001.42

IMPLEMENTED: (2)(11)(13) & (23); 1001.42(7) & (17)(a); 1001.43(2)(3);
1006.28; 1006.34; 1006.40; 1006.41; 847.012

HISTORY: 5/7/2008

Technology

The Media Center will follow School Board Policy 6Gx50-8.23 for student use of technology and the Internet Guidelines of the School District of Palm Beach County (See Appendix). Students will be required to log in to computers using a pattern based username and password to access their Portals. Students will learn to utilize their Google Drives as a way to manage class assignments. The School District of Palm Beach County provides access to subscription databases on the district website. All students will receive passwords to access the databases at home.

GIFTS AND DONATIONS

Gifts to the library media center are encouraged. However, gifts will be added to the collection only after the items have been evaluated to determine if they meet the policy of the School District of Palm Beach County regarding gifts and donations. Such materials will meet the same criteria as resources that are purchased. The Library Media Specialist reserves the right to incorporate into the collection only those items, which meet the specific criteria of the collection development plan.

Weeding and Maintenance

Weeding of library materials is essential for the maintenance of a quality academic media collection. Weeding is quality control of the collection in which outdated, inaccurate and worn-out materials and equipment are eliminated. The Media Specialist is responsible for the on-going process of maintaining a quality collection. Teachers, administration and the Library Committee assist in the re-evaluation and systematic deleting of materials and equipment to ensure that materials and equipment remain responsive to the user needs, changing curriculum and advancing technology. In coordinating this process, the Media Specialist will:

- Use objective criteria for removing materials and equipment from the Media Center, which include obsolescence, physical age and condition, and general inapplicability for continued inclusion in the existing collection.
- Dispose of materials by:
 - Giving them to students or teachers
 - Recycling the materials for various instructional activities
 - Cannibalizing non-repairable equipment for needed parts to keep other equipment working.
 - Dispose of equipment in accordance with Board Policy 7.12
 - Media Specialist will process discards according to school district policy.

APPENDIX

Library Bill of Rights

The American Library Association affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

- I. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
- II. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
- III. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.
- IV. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.
- V. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.
- VI. Libraries, which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.

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