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The Board of Education, as the policy making and governing body of the Ballston Spa School District, is legally responsible for the selection of library media center materials. The Board of Education delegates' responsibility for this task to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee (school library media specialists). The Superintendent of Schools shall also direct the library media specialists to develop selection criteria and review and evaluation procedures for library resources.

In pursuit of the districtwide goal of promoting educational excellence, each library media center seeks to provide the school community with a balanced collection of learning resources and instructional materials with varying levels of difficulty and multiple points of view, and representing a diversity of appeal and presentation. Such materials will:

- a. enrich and support the curriculum with consideration for all students' learning styles and varied interests;
- b. stimulate growth in knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values and support individual recreational interests;
- c. express various points of view so that students may apply critical thinking skills, analyze information and opinions and make informed judgments and decisions;
- d. consist of multiple formats including books, periodicals, audiovisual and computer software.

This policy subscribes to the belief that the library media programs are fully integrated into the school's curriculum and that the library services are central to the learning process.

The Superintendent of Schools or his designee is authorized to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy.

*Education Law Section 3204(5)*  
*8 NYCRR Section 135.3*

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