

# SCOTLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Board Policy

### **Instruction**

#### **Selection of School Library Media Resources**

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

The Scotland Board is legally responsible for all matters relating to the operation of Scotland Elementary School, including the Library Media Resource Center.

The primary responsibility for the selection of library materials lies with media specialists employed by the school system or a consultant as necessary. Recommendation of resources may involve many people: principals, supervisors, teachers, students, parents and laypersons. The responsibility for coordinating the selection of library media resources and making the recommendation for purchase rests with the professionally trained media personnel.

The primary objective of the school's educational media center is to implement, enrich and support the educational program of the school. It is the responsibility of the center to provide a wide range of materials on all levels of difficulty, with diversity of appeal, and the presentation of different points of view.

##### **Criteria for Selection of Library Media Resources**

Needs of the individual school based on knowledge of the curriculum, teacher and student needs and of the existing collection are given first consideration. Materials for purchase are considered on the basis of:

- Overall purpose
- Timeliness and permanence
- Importance of the subject matter
- Quality of the writing or production
- Readability and popular appeal
- Authoritativeness
- Reputation of the producer or publisher
- Reputation and significance of the author, artist, composer
- Format and price