

**SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Springfield, New Jersey 07081**

**POLICY: MEDIA CENTER/LIBRARY**

The district's media centers shall contain a wide range of materials on all levels of difficulty, appealing to diverse tastes, and presenting different points of view. Every pupil shall have access to a media collection containing materials appropriate to age level, interests and courses of study.

The Chief School Administrator has final responsibility for the selection of media center materials by professionally trained personnel--media specialists, teachers, principals and supervisors. Requests from faculty and pupils shall be given consideration.

In selecting materials to recommend for purchase, the media specialist shall evaluate the existing collection and consult reputable, unbiased, professionally prepared selection aids, and specialists from all departments and/or all grade levels.

In addition to standard book materials, the Board shall provide for the use of a wide variety of audiovisual materials and equipment to enhance the curriculum.

**Legal References:**

N.J.A.C. 6A:9-13.14 School library media specialist  
N.J.A.C. 6A:9-13.15 Associate school library media specialist  
N.J.A.C. 6A:9-13.16 Professional librarian

Board of Education Island Trees U.F.S.D. v. Pico, 457 U.S. 853 (1982)

**Cross References:**

1312 Community complaints and inquiries  
6161.1 Guidelines for evaluation and selection of instructional materials  
6161.2 Complaints regarding instructional materials

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