



SECTION 611
TITLE: SELECTION OF LIBRARY BOOKS
AND MATERIALS

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT

1 I. OBJECTIVE
2 AND
3 STANDARDS

4 A. The District recognizes the importance of the libraries to the total learning
5 environment of the students. The Board shall support the goals set forth
6 in the School Library Bill of Rights, a document adopted by the American
7 Library Associations.

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9 These goals are as follows:

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11 1. to provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum, taking
12 into consideration the varied interests, abilities, and maturity level of the
13 students served;
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15 2. to provide material that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge,
16 literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethnic standards;
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18 3. to provide a background of information which will enable pupils to make
19 intelligent judgments in their daily life;
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21 4. to provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that young
22 citizens may develop under guidance the practice of critical reading and
23 thinking;
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25 5. to provide materials representative of the many religious, ethnic, and
26 cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritages;
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28 6. to provide materials that present a fair and realistic treatment of both
29 sexes, avoiding set stereotyping, including non-sexist descriptions of life
30 roles;
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32 7. to place principles above personal opinion and reason above prejudice in
33 the selection of materials of the highest quality in order to assure a
34 comprehensive collection appropriate for the users of the library;

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2		8. to challenge censorship of books urged or practiced by volunteer arbiters	2
3		of morals or political opinion or by organizations that would establish a	3
4		comprehensive collection appropriate for the users of the library;	4
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6	II.		6
7	RESPONSIBILITIES		7
8		A. Under the direction of the school principals, the librarians of the District	8
9		shall be responsible for selection and maintaining the books and materials	9
10		in the various libraries in accordance with the standards set and	10
11		procedures established by this policy.	11
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13	III. PROCEDURE		13
14	FOR HANDLING		14
15	QUESTIONS		15
16	REGARDING		16
17	THE SELECTION		17
18	OF MATERIALS		18
19		A. If there is a complaint regarding the suitability of particular books or	19
20		materials in individual schools and the complainant wishes to request a	20
21		reconsideration of suitability, the exact nature of the complaint should be	21
22		submitted in writing to the Superintendent. The form to be used for this	22
23		purpose can be obtained from the office of Curriculum & Instruction.	23
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25		A committee composed of a librarian, a teacher, a member	25
26		of the administration, the Language Arts/Reading Lead Teachers, and the	26
27		shall then review the material questioned and make a recommendation	27
28		to the Superintendent.	28
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30		B. The Superintendent shall act on the recommendation of the committee.	30
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32	IV. GIFTS		32
33		A. Gifts of materials from individuals and organizations may be accepted	33
34		with the understanding that professional selection standards and	34

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**V. WEEDING
OF THE
COLLECTION**

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procedures will be applied before the materials are placed into circulation.

- A. Weeding occurs throughout the year. The librarian evaluates the item to discard by considering outdatedness, low or no circulation, poor physical condition, and inappropriateness for the specific school's collection. The entire collection will be evaluated every five years with the librarian concentrating on specific subject areas each year over the five-year period.

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