

# Cascade School District #5

Code: IIBD

Adopted: 6/14/93

## School Library Media Centers

The Board recognizes the need for the district to provide print and multimedia non-print materials in a collection with sufficient breadth to support the schools' educational programs curriculum and student needs at the building level and the students' interests as well as sufficient depth to meet the needs of wide-ranging abilities.

The library media center will make materials available to users through the organization of such materials according to recognized library/media standards, including: the ALA approved *School Library Bill of Rights* (see attached), *Sears List of Subject Headings*, *Dewey Decimal Classification*, and the *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules*.  
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In addition to the logistical responsibilities of certified school librarians, media literacy instruction and support is recognized as a necessary activity for the development of 21<sup>st</sup> century learners. The instruction in the use of these materials, the provision and maintenance of necessary equipment and production of special materials are also recognized as necessary activities.

Library services shall be reviewed annually by the building principal. The review shall include library skills and collaborative curriculum when appropriate, circulation reports, personnel and inventory.

END OF POLICY

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### Legal References:

ORS 332.375

ORS 332.385

ORS 337.120

OAR 581-22-710

## **Cascade SD #5 Role of the School Library**

### *Mission Statement*

School libraries in the Cascade School District exist to educate students and staff in the identification, location, evaluation and use of multimedia materials for their curricular, informational, and recreational needs. Library programs work to develop positive attitudes and aptitudes toward technology as well as traditional sources of information to promote life-long learning in students, equipping them with the media and information literacy skills necessary to become socially responsible citizens of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### *General Philosophy*

The school library program reflects the philosophy of the individual school, supplements, and enriches all parts of the educational program. It should contribute to the social, intellectual, and spiritual values of the students according to their individual needs. The Cascade School District libraries subscribe to the principles incorporated in the School Library Bill of Rights of the American Library Association (ALA).

### *Policy Statement - School Library Bill of Rights*

School libraries are concerned with generating understanding of freedom and with the preservation of this freedom through the development of informed and responsible citizens. The responsibility of the school library is:

- To provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities and maturity levels of the pupils served.
- To provide materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literacy appreciation, aesthetic values and ethical standards.
- To provide a background of information which will enable pupils to make intelligent judgments in their daily life.
- To provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that young citizens may develop under guidance the practice of critical reading and thinking.
- To provide materials representative of the many religious, ethnic and cultural groups and their contributions to our heritage.
- To place principle above personal opinion and reason above prejudice in the selection of materials of the highest quality in order to assure a comprehensive collection appropriate to the users of the library.

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