INSTRUCTION

Selection of Library Materials

The selection of library materials is a professional task conducted by the library staff. In selecting library materials, the librarian will evaluate the existing collection; assess curricula needs; examine materials and consult reputable, professionally prepared selection aids.

Weeding

When materials no longer meet the criteria for selection, they shall be weeded. Weeding is a necessary aspect of selection, since every library will contain works which may have answered a need at the time of acquisition, but which, with the passage of time, have become obsolete, dated, unappealing, or worn out.

Discarded materials will be clearly stamped:

"WITHDRAWAL FROM BIGFORK SCHOOL LIBRARY"

Materials will be discarded in compliance with § 20-6-604, MCA. When the decision to sell or dispose of library materials is made, the Board shall adopt a resolution to sell or otherwise dispose of the material because it is or is about to become abandoned, obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for the school purposes of the District. The Board shall publish a notice of the resolution in the newspaper of general circulation in the Bigfork Eagle. The resolution may not become effective for fourteen (14) days after the notice is published.

<u>Gifts</u>

Gift materials may be accepted with the understanding that they must meet criteria set for book selection.

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