

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE
BOARD POLICY**

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INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

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It is the policy of this district to encourage exploration of ideas from many points of view and this belief is reflected in the materials selection policy. Intellectual freedom is a basic requirement of a democracy and necessary for an informed citizenry. Parents/guardians have the right and responsibility to monitor the information accessed by their minor children and should help them find appropriate materials. The Pittsville School District will not censor or restrict access to materials within the collection.

Controversial issues shall be covered from all points of view as fully as possible keeping maturity levels of the student in mind. Materials of sound factual authority shall not be excluded for partisan or doctrinal reasons. Areas of thought that most often come under criticism are:

Religion: Material on religious subjects should be available and should be factual, unbiased, and broadly representative.

Political ideologies: A balance of factual material at appropriate reading and comprehension levels should be available in the collection representing various views.

Sex and profanity: In a work of established quality, the inclusion of profanity or frank treatment of sex is not adequate reason to exclude the materials from the LMC collection.

The School District of Pittsville endorses the American Library Association Library Bill of Rights and the American Association of School Librarians-School Library Bill of Rights for School Library Media Programs (Appendix A and B of 6163.4)

Cross Reference: Policy 367.27 (Selection and Reconsideration of Instructional Materials)

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