

# RESOLUTION

## On the Selection of Reading Materials

### Background

In the schools of a democratic society, the rights of students to learn are essential, and students should have free access to all materials that will enhance their education. Such access is the means by which independent thought and creativity are nurtured, and it makes possible the development of individuals who can search for truth, create and analyze options, make personal decisions intelligently, and make critical judgments about public policy.

### Resolution

WHEREAS the selection of materials is a professional process, teachers, parents/guardians, administrators, media specialists, and members of boards of education should develop and approve a strong statement that outlines the process by which materials are selected. School systems should follow the recommendations of the International Reading Association along with other professional bodies such as the American Library Association to implement these selection policies. It is important that this selection policy be explained to the public and used and supported by the professionals responsible for the formal education of students.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT it is vital that every school system follow the selection policy and procedures as developed and approved by the professionals responsible for the education of students in their schools.

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