

1 **2310 INSTRUCTION**

2 Selection of Library Materials

3 The District has libraries in every school with the primary objective of implementing and supporting the  
4 educational program in the schools. It is the objective of these libraries to provide a wide range of  
5 materials on all appropriate levels of difficulty, with diversity of appeal and the presentation of different  
6 points of view.

7 The provision of a wide variety of library materials at all reading levels supports the District's basic  
8 principle that the school in a free society assists all students to develop their talents fully so that they  
9 become capable of contributing to the further good of that society.

10 In support of these objectives, the Board reaffirms the principles of intellectual freedom inherent in the  
11 First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

12 The Superintendent is responsible for selection of library materials. Ultimate responsibility for the  
13 selection of library materials rests with the Board.

14 The Board, acting through the Superintendent, thereby delegates the authority for the selection of library  
15 materials to the principal in each of the schools. The principal further delegates that authority to the  
16 librarian in the school.

17 School library and classroom library books are provided primarily for use by District students and staff.  
18 Library books may be checked out by either students or staff. Individuals who check out books are  
19 responsible for the care and timely return of those materials. The building principal may assess fines for  
20 damaged or unreturned books.

21 District residents or parents/guardians of non-resident students attending Great Falls Public Schools may  
22 be allowed use of library books at the discretion of the building principal. However, such access shall not  
23 interfere with regular school use of those books. Use of the library books outside of the District is  
24 prohibited except for inter-library loan agreements with other libraries.

25 Legal reference:

26 § 20-4-402(5), MCA Duties of District Superintendent or High School Principal

27 § 20-7-203, MCA Trustees' policies for school library

28 § 20-7-404, MCA School library book selection

29 Policy History:

30 Adopted on: July 1, 2000

31 Revised on: August 27, 2001