

POLICY RELATING TO EDUCATION

LIBRARY/MEDIA SERVICES

The Wachusett Regional School District shall provide and maintain library/media services with materials fully integrated into the schools' curriculum and instructional programs. These should be consistent with the District's mission, goals, and expectations for student learning.

Library/media services shall foster independent inquiry by enabling students and faculty to utilize various school and community information resources and technologies. A wide range of materials, technologies, and other library/media resources shall be available to students and faculty in a variety of formats and utilized to improve teaching and learning, and shall also be reflective of the various interests of the student population and community. Materials shall be appropriate for student grade levels. The collections shall be properly monitored and maintained. Services to students shall be on-going, and staff shall provide instruction when qualified to do so.

The print and non-print collections shall support the curriculum, with systematic and periodic reviews to ensure that materials are up-to-date and state-of-the-art. Acquisitions shall include standard, current reference materials in addition to standard recognized titles in fiction and non-fiction. Priority in acquisitions shall be given to those programs undergoing accreditation review and to those subjects which support student preparation for standardized testing. Weeding of the collections shall also occur periodically and systematically. Acquisitions and weeding processes shall be performed under professional direction.

Students, faculty, and support staff shall have regular and frequent access to library/media services facilities as an integral part of their education experience.

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