

IFBC Library Media Programs

1/17/25

It is the policy of the Cobb County Board of Education (Board) that each school in the Cobb County School District (District) shall have a library media center adequately staffed and containing the quality, quantity, and variety of print and non-print materials and equipment to support the school's instructional offerings and to challenge individual students at their developmental level.

It shall also be the policy of the Board to encourage the use of instructional materials and equipment in the educational program for all students. The use of this media should facilitate the learning process and be used in activities that are pedagogically sound. The educational goals of the District should be a guiding factor in the selection and use of instructional materials and equipment. The goals of the Library Media program are to encourage the growth of intellectual freedom through the use of available resources and to enable the student to become a life-long learner. Instructional media should be selected and used in a manner to support these goals.

The implementation of a unified Library Media program throughout the District shall be based on procedures implemented by the Superintendent or designee in accordance with State Board of Education rules and regulations.

The procedures implemented by the Superintendent or designee shall contain provisions to ensure that:

1. A media committee is established at the system level to be responsible for the development of media procedures for the school system, including:
 - a. Selecting media and instructional materials;
 - b. Handling requests for reconsideration of materials;
 - c. Considering gifts of instructional resources;
 - d. Using non-school owned materials; and
 - e. Complying with copyright law.
2. A media committee is established at each school to provide input into various aspects of the media center operation, including:
 - a. Making recommendations and decisions related to planning, operation, evaluation and improvement of the Library Media program;
 - b. Annually evaluating Library Media services; and
 - c. Developing a multi-year Library Media plan for budget and services priorities.

Revision Timeline*:

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**Administrative Rules and Board Policies are reviewed on a regular basis. Dates indicate when revisions were made, not the dates of document review.*

Division: Academics

Legal Reference

O.C.G.A. 20-2-167	Funding for direct instructional, media center and staff development costs; submission of budget
O.C.G.A. 20-2-168	Distribution of federal funds; summer school programs; year-round operation
O.C.G.A. 20-2-184	Program weights to reflect funds for media specialists
O.C.G.A. 20-2-305	County and regional libraries
Rule 160-4-4-.01	Media Programs
Rule 160-5-1-.22	Personnel Required