



Purpose

The purpose of this policy and its accompanying procedures is to help ensure that Maria Montessori Academy (the “School”) provides appropriate library materials that support and enhance student academic learning and personal development.

This policy and its accompanying procedures are intended to satisfy the requirements of Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-628.

Policy

The School’s library shall promote intellectual and academic freedom by providing students with thoughtful access to a wide range of balanced, relevant, age-appropriate materials. The library shall serve as a learning environment for students and help them acquire the critical thinking and problem-solving skills needed in a pluralistic society. The library shall provide students an opportunity to learn beyond their regular classroom instruction.

The School shall comply with state and federal law and Utah State Board of Education rule in connection with its library collection and program. The School’s library collection shall not contain any “sensitive material” as that term is defined by Utah Code § 53G-10-103; that is, the School’s library collection shall not contain any instructional material that is pornographic or indecent material as that term is defined in Utah Code § 76-10-1235.

The School’s criteria for selecting and removing materials from its library collection, as well as the School’s process for handling challenges or other requests for review of such materials, shall be consistent with this policy, applicable law and rule, and the School’s mission and vision.

Procedures

The Director shall establish administrative procedures that set forth the criteria and process by which the School will select, remove, and handle challenges or other requests for review of materials in the School’s library collection.