

**TERRELL COUNTY BOARD POLICY**  
**Media Program**

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The Terrell County Board of Education shall provide for the establishment of a media committee at the system level and at each school. The media committees are to make recommendations and decisions related to planning, operation, and improvement of the media program. Media committees shall also evaluate services annually and develop a plan for budget and service priorities.

In accordance with Rule 160-5-1-.22 Required Personnel, each school media center shall be staffed by media personnel and shall develop processes to implement system media policy and procedures. The following shall be included in school media program implementation.

- Flexible scheduling which allows for access to the media center by students and teachers throughout the school day and makes resources available based on instructional need,
- Opportunities for students and teachers to utilize the media in groups or as individuals,
- Collaborative planning that includes the media specialist and teachers to ensure the use of media resources and services in a way that supports on-going classroom instruction and implementation of the state-adopted curriculum.

**Educational Goals**

To provide learning experiences which will meet the unique instructional, development and personal needs of students, teachers, parents, and other community members.

To provide learning experiences which enable students to communicate effectively (by oral, written, and visual means) compute accurately, and think creatively, critically, and independently.

To help students become skillful and discriminating users of media centers and of printed and audio-visual materials.

To prepare students to be responsible citizens in a democratic society, to understand their relationship to the world community, and to develop life-long learning.

To provide materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literacy appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards.

To provide materials representative of many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups and their contributions to American heritage. To provide learning experiences which enable students to develop and understand the value and contributions of their own culture and that of others.

**Compliance with State Board Policy, State and Federal Laws**

It is the policy of this Board to comply with all policies related to media and equipment which have been approved by the Georgia Board of Education and to adhere to any relevant state and federal laws.

Further, this Board shall comply with the copyright law. There shall be one individual at system level and one individual at each school responsible for ensuring current copyright information is made available to all education personnel and for obtaining copyright clearance for works used in the instructional setting. Willful infringement by any employee is prohibited.

**Accountability for School Equipment and Materials**

Students and school personnel shall be accountable for textbooks, media, equipment, and all other instructional materials purchased through public and school funds. Reimbursement shall be made through the procedures established by the school system.

**Challenged Materials**

Courts have held that once materials are placed in a media center, their presence may not be censored unless they meet the Supreme Court definition of obscenity.