

St. Maries Joint School District No. 41 Board of Trustees realizes that many library books and even some textbooks contain language which at one time was unacceptable. However, to delete "modern" library books from school libraries would result in many empty shelves. The Board of Trustees believes that books which merely appeal to the prurient interest of students have no place in the school. On the other hand, language used to depict a true-to-life situation or to accurately portray people who lived in particular eras of history may be acceptable.

The Board of Trustees will honor reasonable requests from parents that their students not be forced to read something which the parents do not approve. However, the Board will not allow one parent to dictate what another parent's student may read.

The librarians, along with screening committees composed of teachers and patrons, shall screen all books which might be considered controversial as to whether they are acceptable for students to read.

Ages of the children for whom the books are being considered shall be a strong factor in the selection and screening process.

Policy Cross Reference:

Legal Reference:

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