

MURFREESBORO CITY SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

Descriptor Term: SPECIAL INTEREST MATERIALS	Descriptor No: BO 33	Date Adopted: 4/79
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1 No special or supplemental printed materials or objects shall be distributed to school children
2 unless they have been pre-approved first by the Department of Instruction, next by the school
3 principal, and finally by the classroom teacher. No material or object shall be approved for
4 distribution to school children unless its primary purpose is to benefit the child by supporting and
5 enhancing education and learning. Printed materials may be deemed to support and enhance
6 educational values if they contain announcements of non-profit enrichment activities for
7 children.

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9 Materials whose primary purpose is religious, political, or commercial shall not be deemed to
10 have a primary purpose of supporting the educational program and shall not be approved for
11 distribution unless they are being distributed as a part of a regular classroom activity (e.g., social
12 studies class on elections). In evaluating whether printed material or an object is suitable for
13 distribution, its relevance to educational values, its timeliness, and the number of previously
14 approved or anticipated distribution requests may be considered.

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16 Materials or objects may be approved by the Department of Instruction and disapproved by the
17 principal or teacher; in such event, no distribution will be made. The principal and classroom
18 teacher shall not distribute any item for which approval has been denied by the Department of
19 Instruction. Teachers may distribute to children, without the specific prior approval of the
20 Department of Instruction, materials allowing children to order books and other printed materials
21 from approved publishers of children's books.