

## **Title: Policy on Resource Material for Classroom Use**

### **Policy Statement:**

*Resource material chosen and presented for the classroom must lend itself to the fulfillment of the objectives and philosophy of the school and its Constitution.*

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### **Reference to Documents:**

*TCSA Constitution*, Article 3. Philosophy  
*Sexual Harassment Policy* Section C.1.d

### **Principles:**

*“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things.” - Philippians 4:8*

### **A. Guidelines:**

1. The material should be of a generally high quality, from recognized, skilled talent in the field, with a worthy theme and well developed.
2. It should be comprehensible at the age level for which it is geared, with an eye to the intellectual and emotional development of that age level.
3. The material should be examined to determine its potential for teaching Christian doctrine, either by contrast or example.
4. If possible, look for recommendations or endorsements by other Christian educational institutions.
5. The material should be able to be utilized in a positive way, which would support Christian precepts.
6. Material that is objectionable either in whole or in part should be presented to the students in a manner that apprises the students of the objectionable matter and how Christians may deal with it. It should avoid irrational bias, and should not be didactic in presenting anti-Christian viewpoints.
7. It should be used to help portray the world with its problems to the student, but at the same time taking care not to negatively affect the students mind.
8. Where possible the material should be conducive to a healthy mind-set.

**B. Directives:**

1. Literature, text, film, recordings may contain no more than an absolute minimum of the following:
  - a. Profanity and blasphemy may only be present when absolutely necessary in illustrating the concepts being presented in the material.
  - b. Reference to sexual acts must be necessary in illustrating the concepts being presented in the material. Graphic depiction of sexual acts and conduct for the purposes of titillation are prohibited. The presentation of sexually graphic material to students may fall under the purview of Section C of the Sexual Harassment Policy.
  - c. Nudity, the unclad human form, is permissible, but not the sensual presentation of nudity for the purposes of titillation.
  - d. Work that promotes values antagonistic to Christian principles should be only used for illustrative purposes.
  - e. Violence may only be present when necessary to illustrate concepts being presented in the material.
2. A work should not contain the following:
  - a. Promotion of non-Christian religious practice whose sole aim is encouraging conversion to the aforementioned religion.
  - b. Advancement of occultism
  - c. Promotion of iniquity or vice or being purposefully neutral toward it.