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**2024-2025**

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## Media Center Collection Development Plan 2024-25

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Weatherbee Elementary School  
FY25 Collection Development Policy

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# Executive Summary

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## *District Strategic Plan 2025*

St. Lucie County School District is located on the east coast of Florida and includes the municipalities of the Cities of Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie as well as St. Lucie Village, and Lakewood Park. The district has approximately 40,850 students enrolled in 44 schools.

**Vision:** St. Lucie Public Schools, in partnership with parents and community, will become premier centers of knowledge that are organized around students and the work provided to them. Our name will be synonymous with the continuous improvement of student achievement and the success of each individual. Our promise is to move from good to great focusing on our core business, the creation of challenging, engaging and satisfying work for each child, every day. This is the St. Lucie Way!

**Mission:** The mission of the St. Lucie Public Schools is to ensure all students graduate from safe and caring schools, equipped with the knowledge, skills, and desire to succeed.

### School Board Policy

- School Board Doc po2520
- The media specialist will endeavor to stay informed about appropriate new publications, using multiple sources, such as discussions with colleagues, attendance at conferences, and reading a variety of periodicals and book reviews. The media specialist will also receive and consider suggestions or requests brought forward by other faculty, students, and parents.

Potential new books for the school library media center and reading lists will be evaluated to determine if they would be suitable for student needs and whether they would be appropriate for the intended grade level and age group. In considering possible new acquisitions, the media specialist will consult reputable, professionally recognized reviewing periodicals and school community stakeholders. The media specialist will also assess the level of student interest in the subject(s) presented and the ability of students to comprehend the material. Books that are selected must be free of pornography and material prohibited under F.S. 847.012.

The goal of the selection process is for the school's library media center and reading list collections to be based on reader interest, the support of State standards and aligned curriculum, and the academic needs of students and faculty.

Periodically, books will be removed from the collection or discontinued, based on their poor physical condition, low rate of recent circulation, non-alignment to State standards, out-of-date content, or status following a parent's or community member's objection.

## ***School Collection Development Plan***

Weatherbee Elementary serves 748 students enrolled in grades Pre-k to 5. The student population's ethnicity is made of 49% Hispanic and 51% Non-Hispanic students.

Additionally, we serve a diverse population made up of 14% White, 33% Black, <1% Native, <1% Asian, 0% Pacific, and 4% Multicultural students.

The administration includes Principal Angela Patton and Assistant Principals John Davino and Danielle Steele. Weatherbee Elementary is proud to offer many special programs which provide students with opportunities. These include Girls on the Run, and MOAA.

### **School Mission Statement**

At Weatherbee Elementary, we believe that all students are capable of success, and that maximum educational growth is achieved when the school, families, and community work together to meet the needs of every child. Our mission is to encourage and ensure success for every child in a nurturing, motivating, and safe environment. Weatherbee teachers and staff promote and encourage positive relationships and are committed to ensuring every child succeeds academically, behaviorally, and socially. We welcome all parents, guardians and community members to join us in this great journey of educating and guiding our world's future leaders! Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it. - Marian Wright Edelman

### **Media Center Mission Statement**

The mission of the Weatherbee Media Center is to encourage students and staff to become life-long learners and effective users of ideas and information, and to provide resources and activities representing a diversity of experience and skills to assist the students in becoming skilled users of information. The program also will emphasize the value of reading for pleasure and the appreciation and enjoyment of literature.

### **Library Program**

The Weatherbee Elementary Media Center supports grades K-5 as a Resource class. Each class attends Media Resource class once a week for 45 minutes. During the Media Center resource class, students participate in lessons that support ELA, Science and Social Studies curriculum. Students also check out library books which are offered by Lexile bands, traditional Dewey Decimal System or special interest collections. Student data is used to help match readers to "Good Fit Books."

A thorough analysis of the current media center collection at Weatherbee Elementary indicates that the average age of the collection is 2001 and the number of books per student is 18.3 The American Association for School Libraries supports *An Introduction to Collection Development for School Librarians* by Mona Kerby that media centers that includes a ratio of 10-12 items available per student is appropriate for a school library collection. At this time, Weatherbee Elementary does meet the recommended standards for the number of books per student.

The analysis of the collection also revealed the following areas of strengths and concerns:

- The need to weed targeted areas by age.
- Addition of resources in areas of fewer than 10 items per student.



## School Assessment Analysis

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The school assessment analysis provides an overview of the school's assessment data for the previous two school years.

### Comparison between 2022-23 and 2023-24 Testing Data

Proficiency Data		
Assessment	2022-23	2023-24
<i>Star Early Literacy/Reading Proficiency Grade K</i>	%	24%
<i>Star Early Literacy/Reading Proficiency Grade 1</i>	> %	29 %
<i>Star Early Literacy/Reading Proficiency Grade 2</i>	%	34%
<i>FAST ELA Grade 3</i>	23%	22%
<i>FAST ELA Grade 4</i>	36%	39%
<i>FAST ELA Grade 5</i>	23%	34%
<i>NGSSS Sci 5 EOC</i>	27%	42%

## Collection Analysis

The collection is developed for and influenced by students, their interests, academic needs and alignment to the curriculum. The data below is a snapshot of the collection based on a Titlewise Analysis from July 2024. Purchasing or weeding after that time is not reflected in this data.



**13,037**

Items in the Collection



**18.3**

Items per Student



**25%**

Fiction Titles  
in the Collection



**30%**

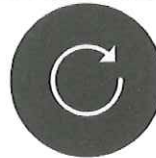
Nonfiction Titles  
in the Collection

Library media resources are curated to include both recently published works and classics that both rightfully impact the average age of the collection.



**2001**

Average Age of the  
Collection



**64 %**

Aged Titles



**4%**

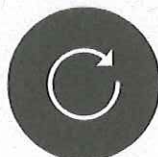
Newer than 5 Years

Library media resources should be representative of the school.



**30 %**

Representative Titles  
Collection



**1999**

Representative Titles in  
Average Age



**30%**

Life Skills Titles in Collection



**2001**

Life Skills Titles Average Age

Life Skills library media resources can contribute to character development.



Library media resources are distributed across the **Lexile reading level ranges** noted below.

304	338	985	2897	2055	555	0
BR-199 Lexile Items	200-349 Lexile Items	350-499 Lexile Items	500-674 Lexile Items	675-909 Lexile Items	910-1299 Lexile Items	1300+ Lexile Items

## Collection Analysis by Category

The information collected in this section provides a detailed look at the current library collection by classification and genre. The information was gathered from Follett Destiny, the library management system, and Titlewave, the vendor's ordering and analysis tool.

Section	# of Titles	Average Age
Computer Science, Information & General Works	26	2011
Philosophy & Psychology	51	2002
Religion	62	1998
Social Sciences	736	1998
Language	52	2003
Science	1086	2007
Technology	476	2007
Arts & Recreation	485	2006
Literature	173	2000
History & Geography	732	2004
Biography	579	2000
Easy	3320	1996
General Fiction	3256	2001
Graphic Novels	n/a	n/a

### Notes

- Review Religion & Social Science with oldest publication dates



## Representation Analysis

Enrollment & Demographic Data					
<b>739</b> 2024-25 Student Enrollment as of January 21, 2025	Subgroups		Federal Ethnicity		
	34% ELL	13% ESE	49% Hispanic	n/a Non-Hispanic	
14% White	33% Black	<1% Native	<1% Asian	0% Pacific	4% Multicultural

To deepen focus on strategic collection development, specific sections of the collection were analyzed in detail to determine whether the media center collection reflects and represents various points of view and experiences. The goal is to provide a balanced collection that can be both a mirror, to reflect a reader's experience, and a window, so readers can experience different viewpoints.

### Results

Based on the available school data of Weatherbee Elementary in comparison to Collection Analysis results, it was found that:

Student Representation	% of Students	Total # of Titles	Total % of Titles	Avg. Age of Titles
Hispanic	363	230	2%	2010
Black	246	428	3%	1999
Native	2	159	1.2%	1993
Asian	1	182	1.4%	2003
Pacific	0	0	0	n/a

## Strategic Focus

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This page lists the priorities for selection and weeding for each school year and includes the action, updates, and outcomes. This is subject to change due to funding and time constraints.

School Year	Strategic Focus
2024-2025	<b>Selection Priorities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Careers</li> <li>● Technology</li> <li>● Multicultural</li> </ul>
	<b>Weeding Priorities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Religion</li> <li>● Technology</li> <li>● History</li> </ul>
2025-2026	<b>Selection Priorities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Careers</li> <li>● Phonics Readers</li> <li>● Multicultural</li> </ul>
	<b>Weeding Priorities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Literature-80-899</li> <li>● Caldecott's&lt;2000</li> <li>● Fiction</li> </ul>

## Budget and Purchasing Plan

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This page outlines the current budget available and specifically lists the priorities for this school year (2024-2025).

### *Annual Budget 2024-2025*

State Funds	
<i>Source</i>	<i>Amount</i>
State (P2500)	3102.65
Internal Accounts	
<i>Source</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Book Fair Profits	1659.31
Scholastic Bucks	0
Library Fines	475.21
Grants or Donations	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2134.52</b>

### *Purchasing Plan 2024-2025*

Approximate Purchasing Plan	
<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Media Supplies (Account #85040)	199.12
Library Book (Account #85040)	0
Furniture-Fix/Equip (Account #)	0
Media Subscriptions- (Periodicals, newspapers) (Account #)	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1935.40</b>

## Year-to-Year Collection Change

The information below represents the year-to-year change within the library media center collection from the 2023-24 to 2024-25 school year. The 2023-24 data is based on a collection analysis from June 2023, while the 2024-25 is based on a collection analysis from July 2024.



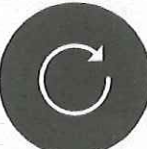

### Data Reflection

- Need to increase Diversity collection by 2-3%
- Need to increase age of collection by 3-4 years

### 2023-24 Purchased and Weeded Materials

Materials  
Added to the  
Collection

Materials  
Weeded from the  
Collection

Category	2023-24	2024-25
 <b>Items in the Collection</b>	13,139	13,037
 <b>Items per Student</b>	18.5	18.3
 <b>Average Age of Collection</b>	2000	2001
 <b>Representative Titles in the Collection</b>	30%	30%



## Appendix A

School Board Doc po2520

Book: Policy Manual

Section: 2000 Program

Title: SELECTION AND ADOPTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS-

Code: po2520

Status: Active

Legal:

F.S. 119.071

F.S. 212.183

F.S. 1001.215

F.S. 1002.22

F.S. 1003.485

F.S. 1006.28

F.S. 1006.28 through 1006.42

F.S. 1006.40

F.S. 1008.22

F.S. 1008.25(5) (a)

F.S. 1008.25 (5) (c)

F.S. 1014.05

F.A.C. 6A-6.03028

F.A.C. 6A-7.0713

34 C.F.R. Part 300

Adopted: March 12, 2024

### 2520 - SELECTION AND ADOPTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The School Board adopts courses of study pursuant to State law and Policy 2220. When adopting courses of study, State law also requires the Board to adopt and provide adequate instructional materials to students enrolled in the District.

"Adequate instructional materials" means a sufficient number of student or site licenses or sets of materials that are available in bound, unbound, kit, or package form and may consist of hard-backed or soft-backed textbooks, electronic content, consumables, learning laboratories, manipulatives, electronic media, and computer courseware or software that serves as the basis for instruction for each student in the core courses of mathematics, language arts, social studies, science, reading, and literature.

Furthermore, Federal law requires the Board to provide accessible instructional materials as specified in a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP). Such accessible instructional

materials may be of a type or in a format as specified in the definition of adequate instructional materials in this policy.

"Library media center" means any collection of books, ebooks, periodicals, or videos maintained and accessible on the site of a school, including in classrooms.

As required by State law, instructional materials adopted and used in the District shall be consistent with the goals and objectives in the District's adopted course of study and with the course descriptions established by State Board rule. The Board is responsible for the content of all instructional materials and any other materials used in a classroom, made available in a school or classroom library, or included on a reading list.

Each principal shall provide that instructional materials are used to provide instruction to students enrolled at the grade level or levels for which the materials are designed pursuant to adopted Board policies. Each principal shall communicate to parents the manner in which instructional materials are used to implement the curricular objectives of the school and the procedures for contesting the adoption and use of instructional materials. Principals are also responsible for overseeing compliance with District procedures for selecting school library media center materials at the school to which they are assigned and notifying parents of the process for objecting to the use of specific materials.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative procedures that set forth a process to involve staff in the review and evaluation of instructional materials. The staff involved in this process shall recommend to the Superintendent for submission to the Board for adoption the instructional materials that address the goals and objectives for adopted courses of study and the course descriptions established by State Board rule. The instructional materials shall be from the State-adopted instructional materials list if there has been a State adoption or from publishers and other resources if there has not been a State adoption. A meeting of a committee for the purpose of ranking, eliminating, or selecting instructional materials for recommendation to the Board must be noticed and open to the public in accordance with F.S. 286.011. A committee convened for such purposes must include parents of students who will have access to such materials.

The Superintendent's procedures shall also prescribe the process for the acquisition, management, use, accountability, and reporting requirements of all instructional materials.

#### **Certification by Superintendent**

On or before July 1 each year, the Superintendent will certify to the Commissioner of Education the estimated allocation of state funds for instructional materials for the ensuing fiscal year.

By August 1 each year, the Superintendent will certify to the Commissioner of Education that the Board has approved a comprehensive staff development plan that supports fidelity of implementation of instructional materials programs, including verification that training was provided, that the materials are being implemented as designed, and that core reading materials and reading intervention materials used in kindergarten through grade 5 meet the requirements of F.S. 1001.215.



## **Adoption of Instructional Materials**

Prior to submitting a recommendation to the Board regarding the recommended instructional materials, those materials will be accessible for review online for at least twenty (20) calendar days prior to the open publicly noticed meeting at which a public hearing will be held so that the Board can receive comment, if any, about the instructional material under consideration for adoption. The Superintendent shall establish reasonable safeguards against the unauthorized use, reproduction, and distribution of the instructional material under consideration.

Following the public hearing, the Board may act upon the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt the instructional materials. The Board will select, approve, and adopt all materials as a separate line item on the regular (non-consent) agenda and will provide a reasonable opportunity for public comment.

At an open publicly noticed meeting following the meeting at which the instructional material is adopted, the Board shall consider a recommendation to approve an annual instructional materials plan that identifies any instructional materials to be purchased pursuant to the instructional materials review process described herein.

The Superintendent shall maintain a list of all adopted instructional materials.

## **Publication on Website of List of Instructional Materials and Process to Limit Student Access**

The Board will publish on its website, in a searchable format, a list of all instructional materials, including those used to provide required instruction under Florida law.

## **Parent Permission**

Parents and guardians play a major role in guiding their child's reading and library use. Each family has the right to determine which library resources are acceptable for their children. Students are able to select books at their discretion; however, some levels of books may require parent permission before a student may check them out. Parents will be notified at the beginning of each school year to complete the library access form for each child. This form will inform the media specialist of the parent/guardian's preferred level of book access for their child. Parents/Guardians may submit titles and authors of books to the media specialist at the school they are enrolled in that their child may not check out of the media center.

## **School Library Media Centers and Reading Lists**

Effective July 1, 2022, each book newly made available to students through a school library media center or included in a recommended or assigned school or grade level reading list must be selected and approved by a Media Specialist who holds a valid educational media specialist certificate, regardless of whether the book is purchased, donated or otherwise made available to students.

## **Procedure**

The media specialist will endeavor to stay informed about appropriate new publications, using multiple sources, such as discussions with colleagues, attendance at conferences, and reading a variety of periodicals and book reviews. The media specialist will also receive and consider suggestions or requests brought forward by other faculty, students, and parents.

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The goal of the selection process is for the school's library media center and reading list collections to be based on reader interest, the support of State standards and aligned curriculum, and the academic needs of students and faculty.

Periodically, books will be removed from the collection or discontinued, based on their poor physical condition, low rate of recent circulation, non-alignment to State standards, out-of-date content, or status following a parent's or community member's objection.

The procedure for developing media center and reading list collections will be posted on the website for each school in the District.

Upon written request, an individual will be provided access to material or books specified in the written request that are maintained in a District library if such material or books are available for review. The Principal shall arrange for a convenient time to provide such access.

Each elementary school must publish on its website, in a searchable format, a list of all materials maintained and accessible in the school library media center or a classroom library which can be checked out or used by a student or required as part of a school or grade-level reading list. The format must:

- A. identify the type of material maintained in the library media center by category, such as books, ebooks, periodicals, and videos;
- B. list, at a minimum, the following information:
  - 1. the title and author for books and eBooks;
  - 2. the name or title for periodicals and videos; and
  - 3. the title for any other material maintained in the media center.
- C. Books and eBooks must be searchable by, at a minimum, the author and title. All other materials must be searchable by, at a minimum, title.

#### **Purchase of Instructional Materials**



Following adoption by the Board, requisitions shall be issued to purchase current instructional materials from the State-adopted instructional materials list so that each student in kindergarten through grade 12 will have a major tool of instruction in core courses of the subject areas of mathematics, language arts, science, social studies, reading, and literature. Any materials purchased shall be free of pornography and material prohibited under F.S. 847.12, suited to student needs and their ability to comprehend the material presented, and appropriate for the grade level and age group for which the materials are used or made available. The Board will purchase all materials as a separate line item on the regular (non-consent) agenda and will provide a reasonable opportunity for public comment.

Requisitions shall also be issued to purchase instructional materials that will be the major tool of instruction for subjects in the State Course Code Directory for which the Board has adopted courses of study, but for which there are no materials on the State-adopted instructional materials list.

The Superintendent shall approve these purchases.

The District shall maintain on its website a current list of instructional materials, by grade level, purchased by the District.

#### **Replacement and Purchase of Instructional Materials by Students/Parents**

Students shall be held responsible for the cost of replacing any instructional materials lost, destroyed, or unnecessarily damaged. Failure to provide payment for the damage or loss may result in the suspension of the student from participation in extra-curricular activities, the suspension of student parking privileges, and the exclusion of the student from participation in school activities such as prom and graduation ceremonies or the debt may be satisfied by the student performing community service activities at the school site as determined by the school principal.

A student or their parent(s) may purchase a copy of the designated course instructional materials, regardless of format, for the district's purchase price, including shipping.

Cost of materials may be charged for materials used in those activities beyond the basic curriculum in which a student elects to participate, particularly in activities where the product becomes the property of the student.

#### **New Worlds Reading Initiative**

The New Worlds Reading Initiative, created by the Florida Department of Education, provides high-quality, free books directly to K-prekindergarten through grade 5 students who are not yet reading on grade level, who score below a level 3 in the preceding year's Statewide, standardized English Language Arts Assessment (ELA), or who have a substantial reading deficiency identified under F.S. 1008.25, or who have a substantial deficiency in early literacy skills based upon the results of the coordinated screening and progress monitoring under F.S. 1008.25.

The School District must notify parents of eligible students upon enrollment and at the beginning of each school year options for specific book topics or genres to maximize student interest in reading. The District must participate in the initiative by partnering with local nonprofit

organizations and raise awareness by using marketing materials provided by the program administrator. A student's eligibility for the initiative continues until promotion to grade 6 or until the parent opts out of the initiative.

The District shall also establish a data sharing agreement with the initiative's administrator to allow for a streamlined student verification and enrollment process.

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## Appendix B

### Library Bill of Rights

The American Library Association affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

- I. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
- II. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
- III. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.
- IV. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.
- V. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.
- VI. Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.
- VII. All people, regardless of origin, age, background, or views, possess a right to privacy and confidentiality in their library use. Libraries should advocate for, educate about, and protect people's privacy, safeguarding all libraries' use data, including personally identifiable information.

Adopted June 19, 1939, by the ALA Council; amended October 14, 1944; June 18, 1948; February 2, 1961; June 27, 1967; January 23, 1980; January 29, 2019.

Inclusion of "age" reaffirmed January 23, 1996.

Although the Articles of the *Library Bill of Rights* are unambiguous statements of basic principles that should govern the service of all libraries, questions do arise concerning the application of these

principles to specific library practices. See the documents designated by the Intellectual Freedom Committee as Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights.