

Approved Process to select novels for Cabrini Middle School



Mission Statement

Cabrini Parish Schools are dedicated to education and personal development through Catholic faith formation and quality academics.

Philosophy

Cabrini Parish Schools believe all students have the ability to learn. With reliance on parental and community support, our task is to foster personal responsibility, encourage a love of learning and promote character development. With an emphasis on quality academics and Christian values, we dedicate ourselves to helping students:

- Build a Christian community through their relationship with Jesus Christ
- Become life-long learners with academic skills acquired through a challenging curriculum
- Make a positive contribution to society
- Develop in mind, body, and spirit

A. Review Committee's Recommendations

1. To provide a selection process that will aid in using materials that will: stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values and ethical standards, support the curriculum, taking into consideration the individual's needs, and the varied interests, abilities and socio-economic backgrounds and maturity levels of the students served in compliance with the basic written selection principles along with a set of alternative selections for class novels.
2. To provide parents with a set of guidelines for understanding the process of selection of all novel materials
3. To provide parents with an online location to find the list of agreed upon literature
4. To provide parents with procedures for complaints and challenges

B. Procedures for selecting novels:

Selections will be submitted by our faculty using the rubric to the Principal for approval

1. A teacher written rationale (one paragraph)
2. Selections must have been reviewed on 2 published professional review sources

The two items above are internal documents for the Administrative Review Process

The following documents will be used as guiding documents:

- AOD Catechetical Standards

- http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/ccatheduc/documents/rc_con_ccatheduc_doc_20140407_educare-oggi-e-domani_en.html

Information for parents will be posted to Cabrini's website

C. Timeline

Due to individual student learning differences, dialogue between the teacher and administration will determine the Timeline for the items listed above

- Grade level teachers selects proposed texts for the upcoming year for in class instruction and summer reading lists using rubric process

- Final approval based on administrative review

- Upload novel information on Cabrini website

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The process for selection of middle school novels involved parent input through the direction of Mr. Michael Harning, Dean of Students, included teacher input, Administrative review and approved by Fr. Joe Mallia, Pastor

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