Vista Charter School: Library Resource Policy

This policy establishes the procedures for the acquisition, retention, display, use, and reconsideration of school library resources at **Vista Charter School** in Montrose. In alignment with C.R.S. 22-1-148 (added under SB 25-063), this policy ensures compliance with state law while safeguarding student access to diverse materials and protecting staff acting in good faith.

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1. Scope and Definitions

- **Scope**: This policy applies to all print and non-print library resources (books, e-books, periodicals, videos, etc.) maintained by the school library. It does not apply to classroom-only instructional materials.
- **Obscene Material**: Content defined as such under C.R.S. § 18-7-101(2).
- **Protected Class**: Any group protected under state or federal anti-discrimination laws, including race, gender identity, religion, disability, and sexual orientation.

2. Acquisition, Retention, and Display

Vista Charter School maintains written, viewpoint-neutral procedures for managing its collection.

- **Selection**: Resources are selected based on educational, informational, or literary value and suitability for the age and maturity levels of students.
- **Retention**: Materials are kept or removed based on consistent collection maintenance criteria (such as damage or lack of use) rather than personal or political viewpoints.
- **Accessibility**: Displays must reflect the diversity of student interests and respect intellectual freedom and the right to access information.
- **Legal Standards**: All practices must uphold First Amendment protections and Article II, Section 10 of the Colorado Constitution. Materials must not marginalize protected classes or meet the legal definition of obscenity.

3. Reconsideration of Library Resources

Parents or guardians of currently enrolled students may submit a formal written request to reconsider a specific resource.

- **Request Limits**: A specific resource may not be reconsidered more than once every two years.
- **Status of Material**: A resource **may not** be removed, restricted, or altered until the full review process is complete and a final decision is posted.
- **The Review Process**:
    1. **Acknowledgment**: The school will provide written receipt of the request within seven calendar days.
    2. **Committee Formation**: A review committee will be convened, including at least one administrator, one licensed educator, and one parent of a currently enrolled student.
    3. **Evaluation**: The committee will evaluate the resource against state standards, constitutional protections, and obscenity laws.
    4. **Final Decision**: The committee submits a recommendation to the governing board (or designee) for a final decision.
    5. **Transparency**: The entire process must be completed within **60 calendar days**. The final determination and rationale will be prominently posted on the school website.

4. Staff Protection

Vista Charter School protects its library staff members. No staff member shall be terminated, demoted, or disciplined for:

- Acquiring or displaying materials in accordance with established procedures.
- Refusing to remove a resource before the formal reconsideration process is complete.
- Exercising professional judgment in good faith according to this policy.

Legal References:

- C.R.S. § 22-1-148 (School Library Resources)
- C.R.S. § 18-7-101(2) (Obscenity)
- C.R.S. § 22-1-149 (Electronic Devices)
- Colorado Open Records Act (CORA)

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