

**THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1976**

**380.671 Criteria for approval of regional educational media centers; operation of educational media centers; "educational media center" defined; purchase, sale, lease, or loan of equipment; disposition of used or surplus equipment.**

Sec. 671.

(1) The state board shall establish criteria based on state and national guidelines for approving regional educational media centers for initial and continued funding. Among the criteria shall be:

- (a) The establishment of a minimum size for the service area based on pupil enrollment.
- (b) Provision for 2 or more intermediate school districts or parts of intermediate school districts to combine to operate an instructional materials center. The combining intermediate school districts may contract with 1 intermediate school district to administer the center or a cooperative board may be organized.
- (c) The designation of a service area which will provide reasonable and efficient lines of communication between the center and the farthest local school district. In sparsely settled areas of the state where a minimum enrollment requirement would necessitate districts of unwieldy geographical size, satellite or subcenters may be established.
- (d) Provision for the staffing and administration of a center by qualified personnel having a substantial background of training and experience in the selection, use, evaluation, and application of media materials to education.

(2) An intermediate school board acting singly, or in cooperation with other intermediate school districts, may operate educational media centers to serve public and nonpublic schools in its respective area.

(3) As used in this section, "educational media center" means a program approved by the state board which provides basic educational services to local school districts which may include:

- (a) A materials lending library containing 16mm and 8mm motion pictures or improvements thereof with provision for processing and servicing, 35mm slides or improvements thereof, filmstrips, remedial and enrichment programmed instructional materials, disc recordings, and other items.
- (b) Duplication service to reproduce transparencies, slides, filmstrips, and charts or improvements thereof.
- (c) Magnetic type duplicating service for audio and video tape.
- (d) Delivery and dissemination system for materials and services.
- (e) Professional leadership training services to local school districts for coordination and assistance with proper utilization of materials and services.
- (f) Acquisition and use of materials that will be coordinated with the curriculum of local school districts.
- (g) Technical and maintenance service for cooperating districts.
- (h) Professional, reference, and informational library materials and services.
- (i) Central purchasing of equipment related to media center activities and use in the local school.
- (j) Graphics staff to produce transparency masters and charts and to render other production services to teachers.

(4) An educational media center shall not purchase, sell, grant a lease, or loan for more than 30 days, directly or indirectly, equipment for use by other than a public school, nonpublic school, local school district, intermediate school district, community college district, or publicly funded library or library cooperative. This shall not prohibit the disposition of used or surplus equipment by publicly advertised sale.

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**Compiler's Notes:** In subsection (1)(c), "unwieldy geographical size" evidently should read "unwieldy geographical size."

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**Admin Rule:** R 380.1 et seq. of the Michigan Administrative Code.