Library Audits

Deep Dive into the Library Monitoring Rubric

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State Board of Education STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS



ALL Students Proficient and Showing Growth in All **Assessed Areas**

EVERY School Has Effective Teachers and Leaders





EVERY Student Graduates from High School and is Ready for College and Career

EVERY Community Effectively Uses a World-Class Data System to Improve Student Outcomes





EVERY Child Has Access to a High-Quality Early Childhood Program

EVERY School and District is Rated "C" or Higher







VISION

To create a world-class educational system that gives students the knowledge and skills to be successful in college and the workforce, and to flourish as parents and citizens

MISSION

To provide leadership through the development of policy and accountability systems so that all students are prepared to compete in the global community





To create collaborative relationships between school librarians and classroom teachers which transforms the school library program into a support system that strengthens the curriculum by bridging the informational literacy gap.





The AASL National School Library Standards encourage learners to:



INQUIRE

 Build new knowledge by inquiring, thinking critically, identifying problems, and developing strategies for solving problems.



INCLUDE

 Demonstrate an understanding of and commitment to inclusiveness and respect for diversity in the learning community.



COLLABORATE

 Work effectively with others to broaden perspectives and work toward common goals.



CURATE

 Make meaning for oneself and others by collecting, organizing, and sharing resources of personal relevance.



EXPLORE

 Discover and innovate in a growth mindset developed through experience and reflection.



ENGAGE

 Demonstrate safe, legal, and ethical creating and sharing of knowledge products independently while engaging in a community of practice and an interconnected world.





Children
without basic
literacy skills
when they
enter school
are **3-4 times**more likely to
drop out later.



Reading to a child in an interactive style raises his or her IQ by over 6 points.



15 minutes
per day of
independent
reading can
equals 1
million+
words in a
year.



Daily reading to children puts them almost **1 year** ahead of those who are not being read to.



Children who read 3,000 words per day will be in the top 2% of standardized tests.





Warm-Up Talk

What do you need to know about the school library monitoring rubric (audit)?





Overview

School Library Audits





Important Information



Library audits only occur during a **FULL** district audit.



Accreditation Standards: Administration and Personnel



2.3 The school district employs in each school a licensed librarian or media specialist who devotes no more than one-fourth (1/4) of the workday to library/media administrative activities.

{Miss. Code Ann. § 37-17-6(3)(a-e)}

- **2.3.1** If the student enrollment is 499 or less, a half-time licensed librarian or media specialist is required.
- **2.3.2** If the student enrollment is 500 or more, a full-time licensed librarian or media specialist is required.



Accreditation Standards: Administration and Personnel



The school district implements an annual, formal personnel appraisal system for licensed staff that includes assessment of employee on-the-job performance.

{Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-46(b)}

3.6 Administrators who rate as school-level administrators, counselors, librarians, and teachers, and teacher-observers shall complete an MDE-approved Professional Growth System (PGS) training.





Accreditation Standards: Instructional Practices



- Each school has a library media center. Refer to the current edition of the Mississippi Public and Nonpublic School Library Guide. {Miss. Code Ann. § 37-17-6(3)(a-e)}
 - 18.1 Each school has a library media center with an organized collection of materials and equipment that represents a broad range of current learning media, including instructional technology.
 - The library staff offers a systematic program of service to students and staff by providing access to the materials and equipment, by providing instruction in the use of the materials and equipment, and by working with teachers and other staff members to provide learning activities for the students.



Resources

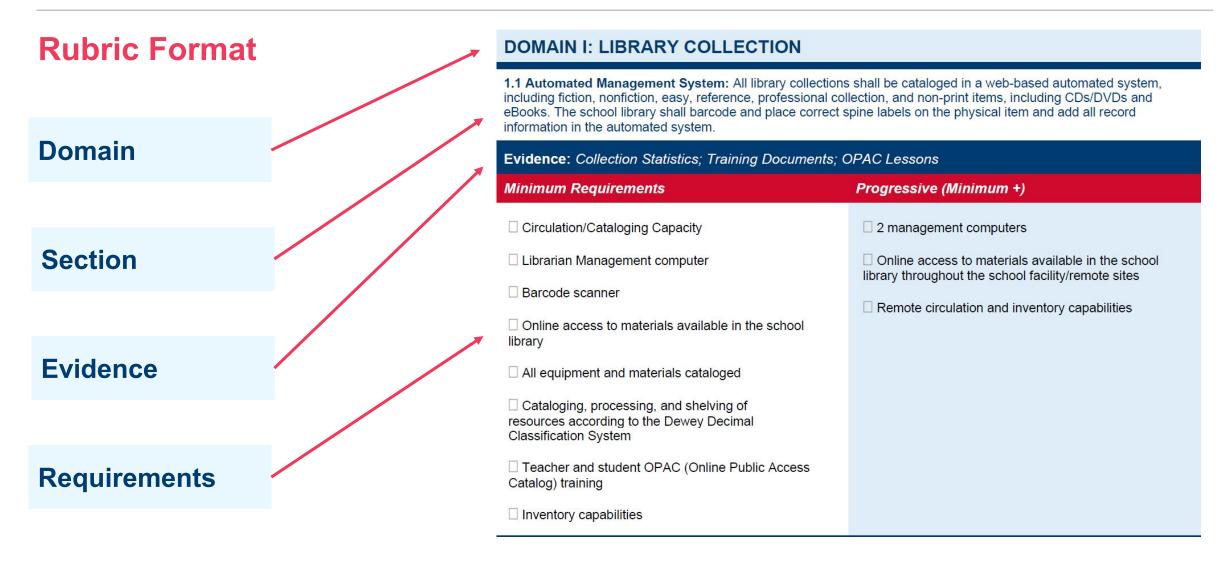














Organization

Library Data Binder





Best Ways to Collect Data



DO NOT

collect items in a box throughout the year.



Pictures or photo albums are **NOT** required as evidence.



Using computer files or cloud storage is a great way to organize and store digital documents.



A binder or folder is a great way to collect and organize reports and other information.



whatever type of organization process that helps you locate information quickly.



Resources







Data Binder Format



| Main Category → | Library Policies and Procedures | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| Library Monitoring Rubric Connection → | 2.3 School Library Policies and Procedures: A library handbook of library policies and procedures shall developed, adopted, and used in each library. The handbook shall include procedures concerning circulation maintenance, inventory of materials, and weeding of the collection. | | |
| Librarian Professional Growth Rubric Connection → | Domain III Library Culture and Learning Environment Standard 8: Resources are selected according to the principles of the <i>School Library Bill of Rights</i> and <i>Intellectual Freedom</i> and provides access to information in consideration to students' needs, abilities, and diversity. | | |
| School Library Guide Connection → | Section 1.4: Intellectual Freedom; Section 1.5: Freedom to Read; Section 4.1: Understanding Collection Development; Section 4.5: Weeding of Collection Resources; Section 4.6: Challenged Materials; Section 4.7: Cataloging and Processing; Section 6.5: Librarian Evaluation; Section 6.9: Policies and Procedures Handbook | | |
| Evidence → | Cataloging and Processing Policies; Circulation Policy; District Policies; Library Bill of Rights; Policies and Procedures Manual | | |



TEACHER REQUEST FORM

Library Monitoring Rubric - Section 2.2
Librarian Growth Rubric - Standards 2 and 3
School Library Guide - Section 3.5

TEACHER INFORMATION

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| Grade Level | Subject Area | |

Do you have any recommendations for books, periodicals, or electronic resources that should be added to the school library's collection?

REMINDERS

- Classroom sets cannot be purchased using library funds. Only 5 copies per title can be ordered.
- DVDs and CDs must connect to the curriculum standards and meet copyright regulations.



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Organization

Templates

- Templates have been created to help librarians collect and organize data.
- Each template has a header with the name of the document and connections to resources.

Example

- Title: Teacher Request Form
- Library Monitoring Rubric: Section 2.2
- Librarian Growth Rubric: Standards 2 and 3
- School Library Guide: Section 3.5



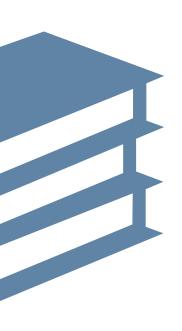
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Library Collection





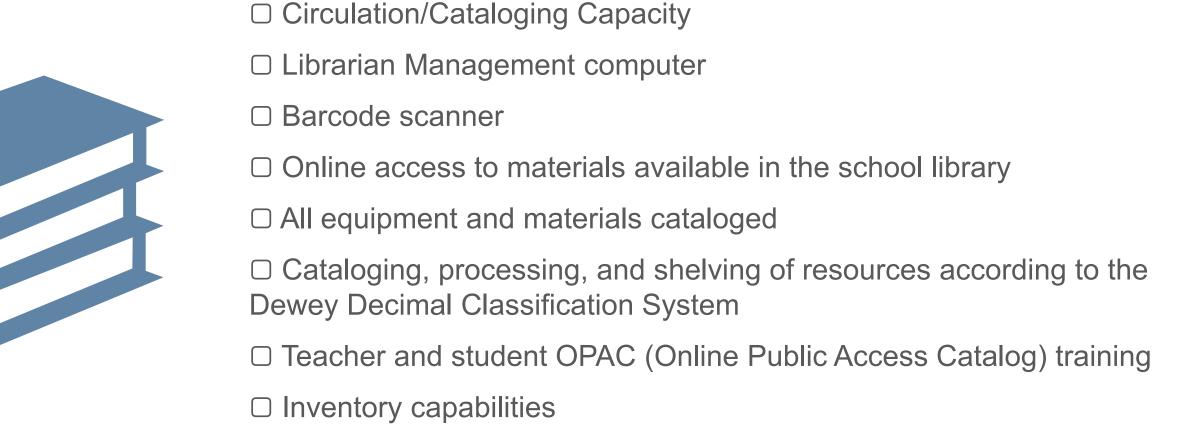
Description



- All library collections shall be cataloged in a web-based automated system, including fiction, nonfiction, easy, reference, professional collection, and non-print items, including CDs/DVDs and ebooks.
- The school library **shall** barcode and place correct spine labels on the physical item and add all record information in the automated system.



Minimum Requirements





1.1 Automated System

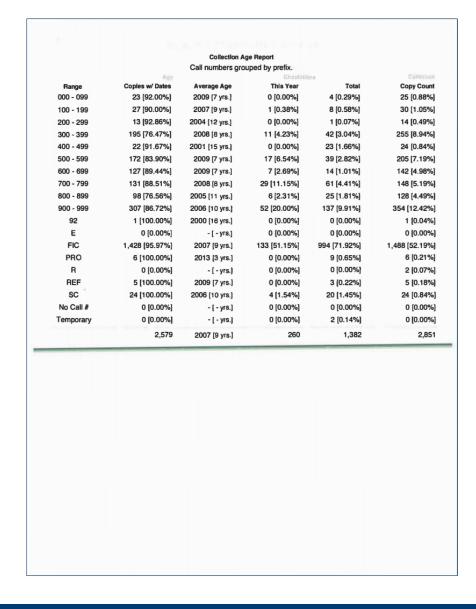
Required Evidence

| ☐ Collection Statistics - Summary (cu | ırrent |
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| circulation, age, and value) | |

- ☐ Training documents
- □ OPAC Lessons

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Section 4.7 – Cataloging and Processing





Description



- Collection shall include nonfiction, fiction, and easy titles.
- The collection **shall** be consistently weeded, and assessments shall be used to guide selection of materials.
- Collection can also include ebooks that can be circulated or tracked through the library's automated system.



Minimum Requirements



- □ A **goal** of 10 books per student that are in good condition, supports the school's instructional program, and provide titles for pleasure reading
- ☐ A well-balanced, diverse collection that is both age and content appropriate





1.2 General Collection

Library Weeding Log From: 10/1/2013 To: 10/31/2013

10/30/2013 - Copies Removed: 105

Alex and the ironic gentleman: a novel (Removed: 1)

ISBN: 978-1-60286-005-6 Author: Kress, Adrienne.

FIC KRESS 52504182 \$15.00

Was Available -- Weeded

AN OCEAN APART, A WORLD AWAY (Removed: 1)

Author: LENSEY NAMIOKA

5250005306

FIC NAMIOKA Was Available -- Weeded \$15.00

ISBN: 0-440-22973-1

Acquired Removed By 1/8/2011 elizabeth.simmons

Removed By

elizabeth.simmons

elizabeth.simmons

elizabeth.simmons

Published: 2007

10/22/2010

ARIES RISING: STAR CROSSED (Removed: 1)

Author: BONNIE HEARN HILL. ISBN: 978-0-545-29297-9

52503389

\$10.00

Acquired Removed By 10/26/2010 elizabeth.simmons

Was Available -- Weeded BACK TO THE DIVIDE (Removed: 2)

FIC HILL

FIC KAY

Author: ELIZABETH KAY. ISBN: 978-0-439-65929-1

FIC KAY 5250005173

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\$25.00

1/7/2011

\$25.00

1/7/2011

Was Available -- Weeded

Was Available -- Weeded

Beautiful creatures (Removed: 1) Author: Garcia, Kami.

Call Number Barcode FIC GARCIA

52503191 Was Available -- Weeded

\$35.00

ISBN: 0-545-20039-3

ISBN: 978-0-316-07703-3 (pbk.)

Published: 2010 Acquired Removed By 11/29/2010 elizabeth.simmons

Acquired

12/6/2010

Published: 2008

Published: 2009

Acquired

10/12/2010

Acquired

BOYS ARE DOGS (Removed: 1)

Author: LESLIE MARGOLIS.

FIC MARGOLIS 52504895

\$10.00 Was Available -- Weeded

Boys are dogs (Removed: 1) Author: Margolis, Leslie. LCCN: 2007-52362

52504889 \$10.00 Acquired 12/6/2010

elizabeth.simmons

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Breakout squad (Removed: 2)

Was Available -- Weeded

FIC MARGOLIS

Author: Windham, Ryder. LCCN: 2009-11515

FIC LUCAS 52503375 \$10.00 Was Available -- Weeded

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Required Evidence

☐ Historical Collection Report (statistics for a particular time frame)

Weeding Report

Requisitions

□ Collection Development Plan

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- Section 4.2 Selection Tools;
- Section 4.4 Collection Guidelines;
- Section 4.5 Weeding of Collection Resources



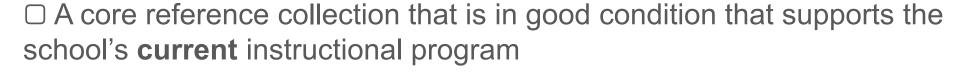
Description



- Collection shall include print and/or digital Encyclopedias,
 Dictionaries, Almanacs, Thesauruses, and Atlases.
- Print and/or non-print periodicals such as newspapers and magazines shall be included in this collection.



Minimum Requirements



☐ A well-balanced collection that is both age and content appropriate

| Type of Resource | Elementary School (Grades Pre-K - 5) | Middle School (Grades 6 - 8) | High School (Grades 9 - 12) |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|
| Encyclopedia, General | At least 1 or more online general, grade-level appropriate encyclopedia AND 1 current set of print, not older than 5 years | At least 1 or more online general, grade-level appropriate encyclopedia | At least 1 or more online general, grade-level appropriate encyclopedia |
| Dictionaries | Electronic access to online dictionary AND Up to 5 copies of recent, appropriate dictionary AND Foreign language dictionaries available for | Electronic access to online dictionary AND Up to 5 copies of recent, appropriate dictionary AND Foreign language dictionaries available for | Electronic access to online dictionary AND Foreign language dictionaries available for languages taught or spoken in the school and represented by the |







1.3 Reference Materials

Required Evidence

- □ Weeding Report
- □ Requisitions
- □ Reference Lessons
- □ Collection Development Plan

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- Section 3.6 Planning for Instruction;
- Section 4.4 Collection Guidelines;
- Section 4.5 Weeding of Collection Resources

LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION (MS STUDIES)

Objective

 Students will demonstrate an ability to show understanding of how the cultural and historical context influenced the blues and use search skills and technology tools to find and share information.

Duration

2 class periods

Materials

- · Computers with internet access
- "Depot Blues"
- Reading materials from the Library of Congress

Tasks

- Provide students with articles from Library of Congress to read independently and student will listen to the music links embedded in the articles.
- Once they have read the articles, students will post comments or questions on a online discussion board platform. The discussion board will lead into a broader discussion of the birth of the blues in Mississippi.
 - a. Students will also answer specific questions regarding the reading and listening samples. Questions may include: (1) When and where did the blues originate? Or (2) What subjects were used in the blues?
- Optional: Students can create a pathfinder containing other available resources that can be added to the school library's online system through the "resource list" function.

LESSON 2: RESEARCH (LIBRARY)

Objective

 Students will improve their database and web search skills and create online playlist of musical selection.

Duration

· 2 class periods

Materials

- · Computers with internet access
- · List of Mississippi blues musicians
- · Pathfinder curated by school librarian
- YouTube Playlist instructions



Deskins, Liz. Content-Area Collaborations for Secondary Grades. ALA Editions, 2020.

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Description and Minimum Requirements



• Collection **shall** include internet resources, MAGNOLIA, audio/visual, technology, and/or digital and ebook subscriptions.

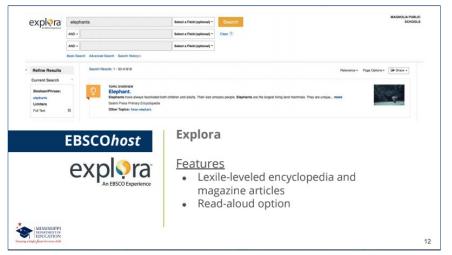
- ☐ School library website available on school home page for student access which includes librarian's name, schedule, and email
- ☐ Maintain a list of **credible** and **age-appropriate** websites that support the current curriculum
- ☐ MAGNOLIA Database available with links on library computers/website and advertised in the library
- ☐ Emerging formats available to support the current curriculum
- ☐ Training on non-print resources





1.4 Non-Print Resources





Required Evidence

- ☐ List of credible and age-appropriate websites
- ☐ Lesson plans or training using non-print resources
- □ A/V curriculum connection (if there are videos that are questionable)

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- Section 3.11 MAGNOLIA Database;
- Section 4.4 Collection Guidelines;
- Section 5.3 Digital Resources



Description



• Resources **shall** support Mississippi Department of Education Professional Development Accountability Standard 15 {Miss. Code Ann. § 37-17-8} (7 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 3, Ch. 44, R. 44.1) as well as the professional growth of teachers, administrators, and school librarians.

Minimum Requirements



- ☐ A **goal** of 20 print and/or digital current professional titles
- ☐ **Access** to print and/or electronic professional periodicals
- ☐ Current **credible** websites for professional development purposes available through the school library website



1.5 Professional Collection

Required Evidence

☐ Promotion of Professional Development resources

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- Section 2.5 Professional Development;
- Section 4.4 Collection Guidelines;
- Section 4.5 Weeding of Collection Resources





Category 2

Library Management





Description



- A certified school librarian **shall** be assigned to the school library Miss. Code Ann. § 37-17-6(3)(a-e).
- The librarian **shall** offer an organized program of service to students and staff.
- The librarian **shall** function 100% in the library position, either ½ or full time, depending on the school population.
- The librarian shall not serve as a substitute teacher.



Minimum Requirements



- ☐ A certified school librarian is assigned to the school library (half-time if school enrollment is 0-499; full-time if school enrollment is 500 or more)
- □ Flexible scheduling/Open access is incorporated into the school library schedule especially during a non-traditional school day (i.e., testing, school programs, and professional development meetings)
- ☐ Time is allotted at the beginning and end of the school year for necessary library maintenance tasks including inventory
- □ Ample time (at least 25% half-or full-time) is allotted throughout the school week to complete management and administrative library tasks (planning, weeding, shelving, ordering, etc.) and is shown on the librarian's schedule

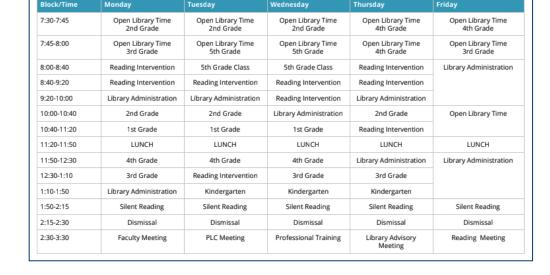


2.1 Certified Staff

Required Evidence

- □ Detailed Library Schedule
- ☐ Board-approved Job Description
- □ Other Assigned Duties
- ☐ Yearly Inventory Report

- Section 3.7 Promotion Flexible, Open Access;
- Section 6.1 Personnel







- The school library program **shall** participate in periodic reviews and ongoing informal and formal assessments used to develop short- and long-range strategic plans for improvement.
- □ Program assessment is based on informal and formal assessment which includes input from administrators, faculty and students (MDE Librarian Growth Rubric)
- ☐ The school librarian sets SMART Goals which are reported to the administration no later than September of the current school year
- □ Needs assessments, inventories, professional tools, curriculum objectives, and input from the Library Advocacy Committee are used by the school librarian to establish annual goals



STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOME

Library Monitoring Rubric - Section 2.2 Librarian Growth Rubric - Standard 1 School Library Guide - Section 3.6

| SCHOOL YEAR | GRADE LEVEL(S) | |
|-------------|----------------|--|

DIRECTIONS: This form is a tool to assist school librarians in setting a SMART goal that results in measurable learner progress. The SMART goal should be collaboratively developed by the school library advocacy committee. Student Learning Outcomes are due to administrators by the end of September of each school year.

SETTING Describe the population and any special learning circumstances

Main Criteria Element Description

Objective Statement

PRIORITY OF CONTENT Rationale

Aligned Standards

Baseline Data/ Information

Student Learning Outcome > 1

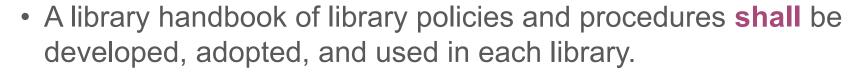
2.2 Needs Assessment

Required Evidence

- ☐ Library short-and long-term goals for improvement for the last 2 years
- ☐ Teacher and students surveys (responses)
- ☐ Teacher Requests
- ☐ Evaluation using the MDE Librarian Growth Rubric
- ☐ SMART Goals (Student Learning and Library Program)

- Section 6.5 Librarian Evaluation;
- Section 6.8 SMART Goals







☐ There is a district-approved policy used for selection of materials, challenges to materials, copyrights, donated materials, and Internet use are standards in the school library's collection development policy







2.3 Policies and Procedures

policy and procedure manual | 2019-2020 edition

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Technology

Procedures for Online Usage by Students

Facilities

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Appendices

Appendix A: Library Bill of Rights Appendix B: Library Orientation Appendix C: Book Processing Formats Appendix D: LMS Description Appendix E: Library Services

Required Evidence

- □ School Library Policy Manual (Handbook)
- ☐ District Approved Policies (Selection, Gift, Weeding, and Challenged Materials)
- ☐ Circulation Policy

- Section 4.1 Understanding Collection Development;
- Section 4.5 Weeding of Collection;
- Section 4.6 Challenged Materials;
- Section 4.7 Cataloging and Processing;
- Section 6.9 Policies and Procedures Handbook



2.4 Funding

Description and Minimum Requirements



• School districts **shall** provide sufficient funding for the purchase and maintenance of current resources for the school library.

| ⊃ The school library meets the minimum basic collection requirements as stated in the guidelines for Section 1 ₋ibrary Collection |
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| □ The school district is required to provide consistent, sustained library funding to maintain and upgrade library collections, equipment, and facilities |
| ☐ The school librarian must administer the approved school library budget and monitor acquisitions in order to meet all of the instructional and informational needs of the school's learning community |
| ☐ The school librarian must submit an annual budget plan which can include requests to the school principal/administrator no later than February of the current school year |
| ☐ The school librarian should prepare annual reports documenting how each source of funding for the library |



2.4 Funding

Required Evidence

| □ Budget expenditures | |
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| ☐ Current budget plan and operating b | udge |
| □ Additional Funding | |

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• Section 6.2 - Budget and Funding

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Grand Total Cost

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Grand Total

Budget Justification Form > 1





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| The | advo | cacy | committee | includes: |
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| □ Teachers |
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☐ The advocacy committee meets as needed for program planning and discussion of procedural issues



[☐] Students (when age appropriate)

2.5 Library Advocacy

Required Evidence

| ☐ Library Advocacy Committee members, meeting |
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| schedule, and meeting agendas |
| □ Library Advocacy Committee goals and objectives |

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Section 3.8 - Encouraging Advocacy

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• The school librarian **shall** use a public relations plan to promote advocacy for the school library program.



☐ The school librarian uses a variety of communications and methods to publicize the school library and its resources and services



PUBLIC RELATIONS PLAN

Library Monitoring Rubric - Section 2.6 Librarian Growth Rubric - Standard 4 School Library Guide - Section 3.8

Goals/ Objectives: (What are your plans this year to promote the library's programs and

Target Audience: (Who do you want to reach?)

Outlets: (How do you want to reach your Target Audience?)

* This should be created with the help of your Library Advocacy Committee and the Public Relations contact for your school or school district. Find more information regarding Public Relations by visiting www.ala.org/aasl/advocacy/tools/toolkits/promoting.



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2.6 Public Relations

Required Evidence

- ☐ School Library Public Relations Plan
- ☐ Public Relations examples

- Section 3.8 Encouraging Advocacy;
- Section 3.9 Library Promotional Events



Category 3

Library Facilities





Description



• The school library **shall** be arranged to: (1) accommodate flexible access by classes and individual students; (2) perform basic functions of a curriculum integrated school library program; (3) provide a climate conducive to learning and student achievement; and (4) provide equitable access to information and resources within the school, community, and global networks.



Minimum Requirements



| ☐ The school library is neat and well-organized |
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| ☐ The atmosphere is one of welcome and productivity |
| □ Shelving and furniture are age appropriate |
| ☐ The arrangement of the school library supports use by a minimum of one (1) class and individual students |
| ☐ The school library is accessible by persons with disabilities in accordance with Public Law 101-476 Education of the Handicapped Act Amendments 1990 |
| ☐ The school library is equipped with temperature control |
| □ Lighting and electrical accommodations have been integrated effectively |
| ☐ All books are shelved from left to right on the shelf, read from top to bottom, and should accommodate for growth |



Minimum Requirements



| ☐ In addition to adequate space for print/non-print collections, s | space |
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| arrangements should include specific areas for: | |
| | |

- □ Circulation
- ☐ Large group use/instruction
- ☐ Small group use
- □ Individual research
- ☐ Storytelling area for elementary students
- ☐ Leisure reading
- ☐ Library management area
- ☐ Use of technology
- ☐ Secure storage of library resources and materials
- ☐ Displays/Quality Signage







Wrap-Up Talk

What other resources do you need to feel secure about the audit?





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Please include name, role, and name of school and district.



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