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The Board of Trustees recognizes that school libraries support the educational program by providing access to a variety of informational resources. The Board desires school libraries be stocked with up-to-date books, reference materials and electronic information resources necessary to support a high-quality educational program, promote literacy, and enable students to achieve academic standards and become lifelong learners.

- (cf. [0440](#) - District Technology Plan)
- (cf. 1330.1 - Joint Use Agreements)
- (cf. [6011](#) - Academic Standards)
- (cf. [6163.4](#) - Student Use of Technology)
- (cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

The Superintendent or designee may, in consultation with teacher librarians, classroom teachers, administrators, parents/guardians, and students as appropriate, develop and regularly update a plan for school libraries that describes the District's goals for school libraries and how funds will be distributed to school sites to support libraries. As appropriate, the plan may also address staffing, facilities, selection and evaluation of materials, the development and maintenance of classroom libraries, prevention of loss or damage of library materials, prioritization of needs, and other related matters. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the library plan is aligned with the District's local control and accountability plan and other District and school plans.

- (cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
- (cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)
- (cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
- (cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)
- (cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)
- (cf. 6161.2 - Damaged or Lost Instructional Materials)

Staffing

To staff school libraries, the District may employ one or more teacher librarians who possess appropriate credentials issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.. (Education Code 18120, 44868)

- (cf. 4113 - Assignment)

The Superintendent or designee may assign teacher librarians to perform the following duties in accordance with the authorizations of their credential: (5 CCR 80053, 80053.1)

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1. Instruct students in accessing, evaluating, using, and integrating information and resources in the library program and/or provide departmentalized instruction in information literacy, digital literacy, and digital citizenship 2. Plan and coordinate school library programs with the District's instructional programs through collaboration with teachers
3. Select materials for school and District libraries
4. Develop and deliver staff development programs for school library services
5. Coordinate or supervise library programs at the District level
6. Plan and conduct a course of instruction for students who assist in the operation of school libraries
7. Develop procedures for and management of the school and District libraries

The Board also may appoint classified paraprofessionals to serve as library aides or library technicians. Volunteers may assist with school library services in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 4222 - Teachers Aides/Paraprofessionals)

Hours of Operation

School libraries shall be open for use by students and teachers during the school day. (Education Code 18103)

With the approval of the Board, a school library may be open at other hours outside the school day, including evenings and Saturdays. Any library open to serve students during evening and Saturday hours shall be under the supervision of a certificated employee who consents to the assignment. (Education Code 18103)

Selection and Evaluation of Library Materials

Library materials shall include print and electronic resources that align with the curriculum and are accessible to students with varying cognitive or language needs.

Library materials shall be evaluated and selected through a process that invites recommendations from administrators, teachers, other staff, parents/guardians, and students as appropriate.

(cf. [6144](#) - Controversial Issues)

(cf. [6161.1](#) - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

(cf. [6161.11](#) - Supplementary Instructional Materials)

Library materials should be continually reevaluated in relation to evolving curricula, new

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formats of materials, new instructional methods, and the needs of students and teachers. Materials that contain obsolete subject matter or are no longer appropriate shall be removed. (cf. [3270](#) - Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies)

The District shall subject to the same criteria as materials select all gifts and donations of school library materials for purchase.

Complaints regarding the appropriateness of library materials shall be addressed using the District's procedures for complaints regarding instructional materials.

(cf. [1312.2](#) - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)

Fees

Students shall be allowed to borrow school library materials at no charge for use in the library and classrooms as well as out of school. (5 CCR [16042](#))

(cf. [3260](#) - Fees and Charges)

Extra curricular student activity privileges may be denied if library materials are not returned.

Students shall be encouraged to return library materials in a timely manner, but no charge shall be assessed for the late return of materials

Library Instruction

Teacher librarians and/or classroom teachers shall provide library instruction to develop students' information literacy skills. Such instruction shall be aligned with state academic standards for library instruction and shall prepare students to:

1. Access information by applying knowledge of the organization of libraries, print materials, digital media, and other sources
2. Evaluate and analyze information to determine appropriateness in addressing the scope of inquiry
3. Organize, synthesize, create, and communicate information
4. Integrate information literacy skills into all areas of learning and pursue information independently to become life-long learners

Teacher librarians also may provide support to teachers, administrators, and other staff by identifying instructional materials that will aid in the development of curriculum and instructional activities and by providing information about effective and ethical uses of school library services and equipment.

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- (cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
- (cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
- (cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
- (cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

Program Evaluation

The Superintendent or designee shall annually assess and report to the Board regarding the condition and use of school libraries. The assessment shall evaluate, at a minimum:

1. Access of students and staff to school libraries during school hours and, as appropriate, access outside the school day
2. The process and frequency by which students are allowed to check out library materials
3. Staffing levels, qualifications, and number of hours worked
4. The quality of the collection at each library, including, but not limited to, the total number of books in the collection, number of books per student, amount expended during the year for the purchase of new resources, and the number of resources discarded and added during the year
5. Any special programs offered at the school to encourage reading and/or library use
6. The adequacy of the facility space and equipment designated for the school library
7. Source(s) and adequacy of funding for school libraries

The District shall, on or before August 31 each year, report to the CDE on the condition of its school libraries for the preceding year ending June 30. (Education Code 18122)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 1703 Coordination of District library services by county superintendent
 - 1770-1775 Provision of library services by county superintendent
 - 18100-18203 School libraries
 - 18300-18571 Union high school District/unified school District library District
 - 19335-19336 Reading Initiative Program; recommended books
 - 35021 Volunteer aides
 - 44868-44869 Qualifications and employment of library media teachers
 - 45340-45349 Instructional aides
- #### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
- 16040-16043 School libraries
 - 80023-80023.2 Emergency permits, general requirements
 - 80024.6 Emergency teacher librarian services permit
 - 80026-80026.6 Emergency permits
 - 80053-80053.1 Teacher librarian services credential

Management Resources:

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Examples of Model School Library Standards for California Public Schools Supporting Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects, rev. February 2012

Model School Library Standards for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2010 (includes standards for student instruction as well as program standards)

Looking at the School Library: An Evaluation Tool, 2003

Recommended Literature: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS

Standards and Guidelines for Strong School Libraries, 2004

WEB SITES

American Association of School Libraries: <http://www.ala.org/aasl>

California Department of Education, School Libraries: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/lb>

California School Library Association: <http://www.csla.net>

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