

Best Practices for Media Specialists Document #2

Library Media STANDARDS

(for teachers of students ages 3–18+)

OVERVIEW

The requirements for National Board Certification in the field of Library Media are organized into the following 10 standards. They standards have been ordered to facilitate understanding, not to assign priorities. Each standard describes an important facet of the art and science of teaching; they often occur concurrently because of the seamless quality of accomplished practice.

What Library Media Specialists Know

I. Knowledge of Learners

Accomplished library media specialists have knowledge of learning styles and of human growth and development.

II. Knowledge of Teaching and Learning

Accomplished library media specialists know the principles of teaching and learning that contribute to an active learning environment.

III. Knowledge of Library and Information Studies

Accomplished library media specialists know the principles of library and information studies needed to create effective, integrated library media programs.

What Library Media Specialists Do

IV. Integrating Instruction

Accomplished library media specialists integrate information literacy through collaboration, planning, implementation, and assessment of learning.

V. Leading Innovation through the Library Media Program

Accomplished library media specialists lead in providing equitable access to and effective use of technologies and innovations.

VI. Administering the Library Media Program

Accomplished library media specialists plan, develop, implement, manage, and evaluate library media programs to ensure that students and staff use ideas and information effectively.

How Library Media Specialists Grow as Professionals

VII. Reflective Practice

Accomplished library media specialists engage in reflective practice to increase their effectiveness.

VIII. Professional Growth

Accomplished library media specialists model a strong commitment to lifelong learning and to their profession.

IX. Ethics, Equity, and Diversity

Accomplished library media specialists uphold professional ethics and promote equity and diversity.

X. Leadership, Advocacy, and Community Partnerships

Accomplished library media specialists advocate for the library media program, involving the greater community.

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