

Descriptor Term:

IFBD

SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTERS

ISSUE DATE: 4-9-98

Revised: 3-14-16

It shall be the policy of this school district that a learning media program, which meets or exceeds the minimum standards of the Commission on School Accreditation, be provided in each school in the district.

Each school media center shall serve as an instructional support capacity, and the media specialist shall work cooperatively with teachers in all curriculum areas to plan and to coordinate the use of materials, equipment and services which help meet instructional objectives.

Each school shall have a library-media center with an organized collection of materials and equipment that represents a broad range of current learning media, including instructional technology. As per the MS Accountability Standards, the district will meet the following requirements.

- A. The library media center shall be staffed by a full-time certified librarian who is not asked to serve as a substitute teacher. For enrollment of 500 or more, support staff is strongly recommended. Flexible scheduling/open access shall be incorporated into the school library schedule. 25% of the librarian's time shall be spent in the administration of the library program and in collaborative planning with teachers. Time shall be allotted at the beginning and end of the school year for necessary library maintenance tasks.
- B. The library staff shall offer 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.
- C. The school district shall provide sufficient funding for the purchase and maintenance of current resources for the school library so that the library can annually expend a minimum of \$7.00 per student (more when funds are available) for library resources.
- D. The library shall be equipped with age-appropriate library furnishings, equipment, and computers in good working order.
- E. The library shall provide seating for at least one class. The physical arrangement of the library shall facilitate learning and achievement, access to materials and resources, and accessibility by persons with disabilities in accordance with Public Law 101-476.
- F. Library selection policy shall ensure that materials are selected on the basis of their contribution to the total instructional program and that input from teachers and support staff is solicited and utilized when selecting and purchasing materials (both print and non-print) and equipment.
- G. The collection shall be cataloged and organized using standardized library procedures utilizing an automated library system.

Reference: Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards

Descriptor Term:

IFBD

SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTERS

ISSUE DATE: 4-9-98

Revised: 3-14-16