



INSTRUCTION: Instructional Services

School Libraries

The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) recognizes that school library media centers provide students and staff equitable access to the print and digital resources critical to supporting 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching and learning. The Board further recognizes that state certified library media specialists are critical partners with teachers in integrating information and technology literacy skills with all curricula by collaborating and co-teaching to positively impact the achievement of all students.

Hence, the schools shall provide and maintain adequate school libraries and ensure sufficient staffing. The Superintendent shall develop rules, regulations and procedures to insure the quality of content in these libraries and their systematic maintenance as current resources for teachers, students, and their families. The Superintendent shall annually request sufficient funds to maintain these services, using the standards of the American Library Association and the Maryland School Library Media Program Standards as guides.

Legal References: COMAR 13A.05.04.01, *Public School Library Programs*  
COMAR 13A.12.03.03, *Library Media Specialist*

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