



INSTRUCTION: Instructional Services

School Libraries

I. Policy Statement

- A. 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 21st century teaching and learning.
- B. The Board further recognizes that certificated library media specialists serve a critical role in supporting student achievement by collaborating and co-teaching with classroom teachers in integrating information and technology literacy skills into the content curriculum and meeting the expectations for student research set forth in the Common Core State Standards.
- C. The Board is committed to maintaining adequate school libraries and ensuring staffing of library media specialists.

II. Guidelines

- A. Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) school library media program shall meet the Maryland State Department of Education *Standards for School Library Media Programs in Maryland*. The program shall also adhere to the *Maryland State Curriculum in Information Literacy Skills* and the American Association of School Libraries Standards for the 21st Century Learner.
- B. School library media collections will be selected and evaluated consistent with Policy 6002, *Selection of Instructional Materials*.
- C. During preparation of the annual operating budget, the Superintendent shall consider the standards recommended by the American Library Association, the Maryland School Library Media Program Standards, and Board Policy 3111, *Budget Planning and Preparation to:*
 - 1. Upgrade and maintain school library collections; and

2. Ensure staffing of certificated library media specialists in school libraries.

III. Implementation

The Board directs the Superintendent to implement this policy.

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

Related Policies: Board of Education Policy 3111, *Budget Planning and Preparation*
Board of Education Policy 6002, *Selection of Instructional Materials*
Board of Education Policy 6202, *Telecommunications Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks*

Related Rule: Superintendent's Rule 1120, *Copyright*

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