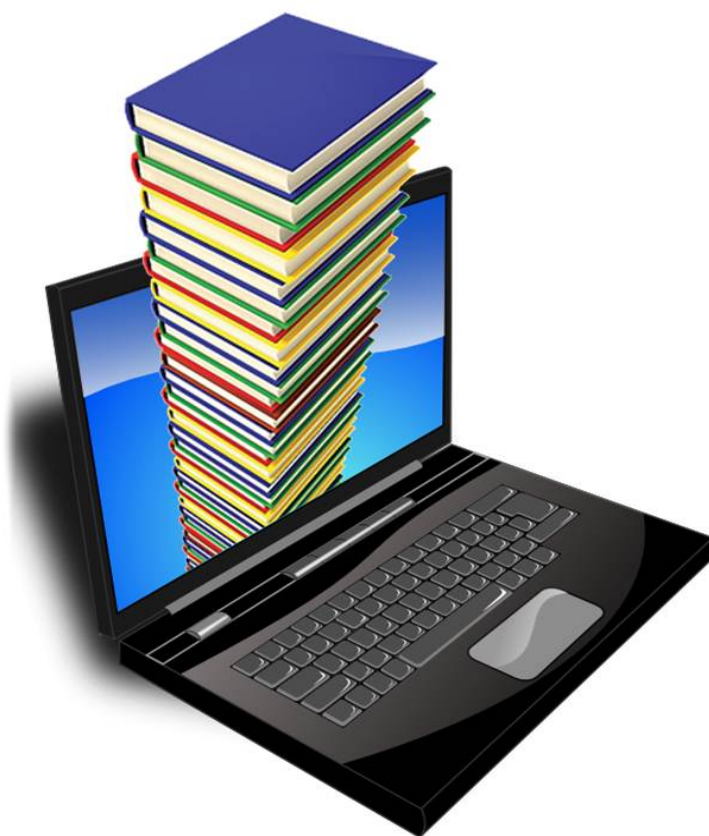




# Shelby County Schools Library Procedure Manual



**SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS  
LIBRARY SERVICES**

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# SCHOOL LIBRARY INFORMATION CENTER HANDBOOK

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Each library in the Shelby County School District supports the instructional program of its school by providing materials to reinforce, enrich and extend classroom learning experiences. The Library Information Specialist (LIS) functions as a cooperative member of the teaching staff, a consultant on the use of materials and a teacher of those library skills which help students develop competency in the independent use of resources.

Shelby County Schools' libraries play a vital role in developing a love of reading and in encouraging strong, lifelong reading habits. To this end, the LIS seeks to balance curriculum with recreational needs by selecting books of high appeal as well as those which will motivate students to develop independence in learning strategies, critical thinking skills, communication skills, appropriate attitudes and an appreciation of literature for both pleasure and information.

Shelby County Schools' libraries establish an educational environment in which technology serves a major role, not only in the daily routine of the school library, but as an instructional part of the library program. Students have access to a variety of media resources to help them succeed in their learning and have opportunities to develop and foster computer skills to prepare for life's experiences in a technological society.

Shelby County Schools' libraries are also committed to the free flow of information and ideas and to a cooperative relationship with each other, as well as with other libraries in their communities.

## SCHOOL LIBRARY INFORMATION CENTER STAFFING

Staffing of the school Library Information Center (LIC) is determined by the current Board of Education School Staffing Formula. This formula reflects state minimum requirements and regional accreditation requirements for certificated and classified personnel.

The school LIS must hold a valid teaching certificate with certification in library science (See Appendix). The LIS is employed and assigned to schools by the Department of Human Resources. The LIS reports directly to the principal of their assigned school and are covered by all assignment, transfer, wage, and other employment policies and regulations as are other school faculty members.

Student assistants or library club participants can be useful in the upper grades. Duties of students should be individualized to suit their abilities.

### Role of School Library Information Specialist

To ensure a quality program of library information services in each school, the LIS:

1. Facilitates the effective operation of the school LIC
2. Plans for and provides grade appropriate library skills instruction
3. Evaluates and selects appropriate materials and resources for the school LIC
4. Manages the school LIC and instruction effectively
5. Establishes and maintains a professional leadership role as the information resource specialist in the school
6. Uses current performance evaluation *Teacher Effectiveness Measure (TEM) Library Information Specialist Rubric* to improve the school LIC operation and information skills instruction (See Appendix)
7. Supports the mission and vision of the District as well as the school to which the LIS is assigned

## Role of School Library Information Specialist (cont'd)

The scope of responsibilities assigned to the school LIS may vary in different schools. School size, grade level, the school instructional program, and size/arrangement of the library facility may necessitate such variation. Ideally, library instruction should support the school library information instructional program.

Before or after school responsibilities, cafeteria duties, and club or activity duties should be comparable with those of the teaching staff of the school while allowing the LIS to completely perform all official library duties. District guidelines and/or restrictions shall govern.

## SCHOOL LIBRARY INFORMATION CENTER SCHEDULING

Schedules for all school LIC are kept on file in the school office and the Library Services office each year. Any major revisions to the schedules during the school year are reported to these offices.

Maintaining a well-organized collection of materials in good condition; selecting, ordering and processing materials; keeping necessary records and other administrative and organizational tasks are vital to the effective library program. These activities require time during the school day. The library schedule must incorporate necessary time for administrative and organizational work. A minimum of 2 1/2 hours per week in blocks of at least 45 to 60 minutes for administrative and organizational work should be included into the schedule in order to maintain the library. This time is to be in addition to reference periods, or unscheduled times at the beginning or end of the school day for open circulation, distribution, and return of materials.

### Flexible Scheduling for School Library Information Centers

Flexible time for reference, individualized activities, library skills instruction, or special group or class activities is important in the school library schedule. Significant portions of the flexible schedule are set aside to maintain open checkout. Book circulation will increase dramatically when students are able to check out books as often as necessary.

In schools maintaining a flexible schedule the teachers are to coordinate with the LIS to reserve time in the LIC for specific class activities. Teachers should remain with their classes in order to effectively collaborate with the LIS. Teachers will bring their classes to the LIC for the scheduled period and remain for the entire class time. When students are to work independently on an assignment, the teacher will make the necessary arrangements with the LIS. Students need to know and have practical experiences which reinforce the reference and research skills which they have been taught. The incorporation of the LIC and its resources into the classroom lessons and activities is an important consideration in all instructional planning and implementation.

The effectiveness of a school's LIC program is determined in a large measure by its scheduling practices. Rigidity in scheduling limits the extent to which the school LIC program becomes a vital component of the overall educational program. Students and teachers must have access to the materials at the point of need. (*Minimum Requirements for the Approval of Public Schools: Rule 0520-01-03-07*) (See Appendix)

## Flexible Scheduling for School Library Information Centers (cont'd)

A flexible schedule is recommended by the American Association of School Libraries (AASL) and required by the Tennessee State Board of Education (AASL Position Statement and Tennessee Board of Education: *Minimum Requirements for the Approval of Public Schools Rule: 0520-01-03-07*) (See Appendix). There may be a period of transition in which scheduled classes may be necessary. The guide below should be used in preparing elementary school LIC schedules. The scheduled LIC period in the elementary school is designed to provide time for a variety of activities such as story time, reference and research, enrichment activities, and library skills instruction. In scheduling classes for the school year, each class may be scheduled for a maximum of one 30 to 45-minute period per week. The number of classes and the level of the students should be used as indicators for the amount of time a class needs to be scheduled into the LIC. The program for grades K- 2 works effectively with 30 minute periods, while the teaching of library skills in grades 3-6 and the circulation of materials can best be accomplished in 45 minute periods.

### Scheduling in the Elementary Library Information Center

<b>Class Size</b>	<b>Scheduled LIC Time</b>
25 or fewer classes	Maximum of one 45-minute period for each class per week
26 to 30 classes	One 30-minute period per week for primary classes and one 30-45 minutes per week for intermediate classes
31 to 40 classes	One 30-minute period per week for each class not to exceed 8 classes per day
More than 40 classes with one LIS	Schools with more than 40 classes must schedule classes on alternate weeks to ensure that the LIS's schedule does not exceed eight 30-minute class periods per day.

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## Scheduling in the Middle and High School Library Information Centers

The LIS works cooperatively with the teachers, usually through the English Language Arts (ELA) staff, to schedule classes for LIC orientation and special instruction in reference and research skills. Orientation classes should be scheduled as soon as possible at the beginning of the school year.

At the secondary level, the teacher collaborates with the LIS to schedule classes in the LIC as the need arises. A prominently placed schedule calendar is suggested to facilitate scheduling and to record LIC use and activity. During the scheduled visit, the teacher should remain in the LIC to assist the students with their assignments. The number of classes that the LIC can accommodate at one time will depend on the size of the facility, the activity of the class, and the size of the staff available.

Individual students or small groups of students from a class may use the LIC for research during class times if the teacher has made the necessary arrangements with the LIS. Students are also admitted to the LIC during study hall periods, before or after school, during lunch periods, or other times according to the policies developed by the principal and the LIS of the individual school.



## MATERIAL SELECTION AND ACQUISITION

### Criteria for Selection

In developing the library information collection, the LIS must consider the educational goals of the school system, individual student learning styles, teaching styles, curriculum needs, faculty and student needs, and the existing material collection. The LIS ensures that the LIC is well maintained (resources are kept up-to-date, within budget restraints, and in good repair), and designed to stimulate student interest in reading and research. The following is a list of guidelines to assist in the evaluation and selection of instructional materials.

Instructional materials should: (See *Minimum Requirements for the Approval of Public Schools: Rule 0520-01-03-07*) (See Appendix)

- Be relevant to today's world
- Support the identified needs of the school community
- Contribute to the objectives of the educational program
- Be appropriate and appealing to the level of the user
- Provide a stimulus for creativity
- Represent quality and accuracy in writing, illustrations, and informational worth
- Provide works by authors/illustrators/publishers/producers/etc. of authority and high reputation
- Support Core Content Standards

Gift materials will be judged by the criteria listed in the preceding section and should be accepted or rejected on the basis of those criteria. All gift or donated books become the property of the school.

Selection is an ongoing process which must include the removal, i.e., weeding (See section 7.1.0), of materials no longer appropriate and the replacement of lost, worn, and damaged library materials still of educational value.

## Material Selection Guidelines

District LISs are skilled professionals who are certified by the State of Tennessee as school LISs. District LISs are trained in book selection for children and young people. Many sources are used for recommendations of appropriate materials to add to the library. LISs have access to professional library journals and online reviewing sources where reviews of current books and materials may be obtained. While the LIS seeks input from teachers, students, parents and administrators, the responsibility for final selection and purchase rests with the certified LIS.

### Procedures for Book and Material Selection

- Develop and administer procedures for previewing, evaluating and selecting materials and instructional materials
- Establish written selection policies and procedures for the acquisition of materials
- Identify, use bibliographic tools available as aids in the evaluation and selection of materials for the library (School Library, Book Links, Booklist and SLJ Online, collection analyses from various vendors)
- Establish and maintain a consideration file for reviews and evaluations of materials and equipment
- Evaluate and select resources to support the instructional programs of the school
- Survey students, teachers and administrators for suggestions for material selection
- Use information about student interest and performance to improve library resources and instruction
- Use student performance data to improve media center resources and programs
- Provide physical access to materials in multiple formats that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards
- Provide materials for recreational reading that will promote a life-long love of reading

### Weeding and Removal of Materials

Selection is an ongoing process which must include the removal, i.e., weeding of materials no longer appropriate and the replacement of lost, worn and damaged library materials still of educational value.

### Donation Guidelines

Donated materials will be judged by the criteria listed in the preceding section and should be accepted or rejected on the basis of those criteria.

## Procedures for Dealing with Challenged Materials

Occasionally library materials are challenged, despite the quality of the selection process. The school system supports principles of intellectual freedom inherent in the *First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States* and expressed in the *School Library Bill of Rights of the American Association of School Librarians*. (See Appendix.) In the event that library materials are challenged, the following procedures should be followed:

1. The local school administrator and LIS will inform the complainant of the objectives, criteria, and procedures for selection.
2. If the complainant is not satisfied with this explanation, the school will request the complainant to submit a formal *Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of Materials*. (See Appendix.)
3. The school administrator or LIS will inform the department of Library Services of the complaint.
4. Per the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) National School Library Standards, "Challenged resources should remain in the collection and accessible during the review process." The Library Bill of Rights states in Article I that "Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation, and in Article II, that "Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval." Final determination will be left to the school administrator.
5. Upon receipt of the completed form, the principal will request review of the material by the review committee and notify the Library Services Office that such a review is in process and provide Library Services a copy of the appropriate paperwork. Library Services will advise appropriate central office administrators of the review. The review committee is to be appointed by the principal, with the assistance of the LIS, and includes local school and system level LIS professionals, teachers, and supervisors as needed. This committee may include a parent or PTA representative from the school.
6. The review committee shall read, view, or listen to the material in its entirety; check general acceptance of the material by reading reviews and consulting recommended lists; determine the extent to which the materials supports the curriculum; and judge the materials for its strength and value as a whole and not in part.
7. The committee shall present a written review and statement of its decision to the principal for distribution to the complainant and appropriate school system administrators.

### 4.3.0

## Acquisitions

It is through the ordering process that the school LIS ensures that the collection of the school LIC continues to meet the requirements of the various curriculum areas and recreational needs, making provision for the diverse learning styles and abilities of the students. The school LIS must ensure that the collection meets the *Minimum Requirements for the Approval of Public Schools: Rule 0520-01-03-07*. (See Appendix)

Major categories of materials ordered are listed below with instructions:

**Books** – Each school receives an allocation for books and audio-visual materials (audiovisual materials include DVDs, Audio Books, eBooks, etc.) based on enrollment. Allocation of materials is determined by the District and is a part of the site-based budget. Only books and audiovisual materials may be purchased from this allocation.

**Periodicals/Newspapers** – Magazines are purchased at the District level for all schools for elementary, middle and high. Titles have been pre-selected by a committee of LIS with representation from each of the school levels. If a school wishes to purchase additional magazines that are not on the pre-selected list, it may do so with the school being responsible for the additional cost. The cost of the additional materials should not be taken from the library book and audiovisual allocation.

The **e-Appeal** version of the Memphis Commercial Appeal is provided through Textbooks Services. The USA Today is provided to high schools with the magazine purchase.

**Supplies** – A supply allocation is provided annually for each library through the Library Services Department based on funding availability. The library supply orders are sent to Library Services to be processed. Library supply allocations are not a part of the site-based budget.

**Furniture and Equipment** - Requests for furniture and equipment (i.e. computers, printers, audio visual devices, etc.) are made on standard requisition forms and paid for from the individual school's budget. Library circulation computers are provided by Library Services.

### 4.4.0

# PROCESSING AND ORGANIZATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

## General Information

School LIS must order fully cataloged materials based on the specifications put forth by the District. Each school LIS is responsible for properly loading the MARC records into the school's database. Any discrepancies should be reported to the vendor immediately.

## General Cataloging Specifications

All library materials are cataloged using the following authorities as guides:

Anglo-American Cataloging Rules  
Dewey Decimal Classification  
Sears List of Subject Headings

All materials to be added to the library collection are fully cataloged. General specifications for processing should be followed as listed below:

## Book

Non Fiction	Abridged Dewey over three main entry initials (all caps)
Individual Biography	92 over three biography initials (all caps)
Collective Biography	920 over three author initials (all caps)
Story Collection	SC over three main entry initials (all caps)
Classroom Set	CL over Dewey over three main entry initials (all caps)
Fiction	FIC over three main entry initials (all caps)
Easy	E over three main entry initials (all caps)
Reference	R over Dewey over three main entry initials (all caps)
Professional	P over Dewey over three main entry initials (all caps)

### Non-Book Materials

Non-book materials are fully cataloged under title with Dewey classifications and are provided with a media designator. A media designator is used to identify the major media type of the material and indicated with a media prefix as a part of the call number budget. Media designators currently used in cataloging media are given below.

Audio Book	AUD
Audio CD	CD
CD-ROM	CD-ROM
DVD	DVD
EBook	EBOOK
Kit	KIT
MP3	MP3

### Processed Materials

All materials are to be ordered fully processed and shipped directly to the school. It is the responsibility of the school LIS to load the MARC records into the automated system. All materials should be scanned to verify the materials are showing correctly. Any discrepancies should be reported to the vendor from which the materials were ordered.

Materials purchased with funds from special federal or state projects are clearly stamped with the funding source and its identifying project numbers, etc. This information can also be included in the MARC record.

### Unprocessed Materials

It is the responsibility of the school LIS to catalog unprocessed materials (gifts, book fair books, donations, etc.) into the automated system using the Shelby County Schools Cataloging Specifications (See Appendix).

### Organization of Library Materials

The library collection must be organized using the Dewey Decimal System of Classification.

AASL Position Statement: “Nonstandard shelving practices make it difficult for library staff and patrons to locate specific titles. More importantly, if books in the school library are arranged by reading level, students may have no understanding of how materials are arranged in most school and public libraries, and students’ ability to select books in other libraries will be adversely affected. (adopted 07/18/2011)”

*“National School Library Standards for Learners, School Librarians, and School Libraries, ALA Editions, and Imprint of the American Library Association, 2018, pp.216-216.*

Organization is also referenced in Standard 3 - Environment: Space, Resources, and Routines of the *Teacher Effectiveness Measure (TEM) Library Information Specialist (LIS) Rubric*:

“LIS ensures the library media center is well organized, resources are easy to locate and are appropriately cataloged.”

### 5.3.0

## CIRCULATION OF MATERIALS

### Procedure for Lending Materials

The LIS sets the loan period for materials and the number of items that may be checked out to a student based on enrollment, size of collection and library schedule.

Reserve materials are handled at the discretion of the local school. These materials are placed in a designated place in the LIC.

### Overdue Materials

Fines are charged for overdue materials in many school LICs to encourage return of materials and teach responsibility and respect for school property. Charging of fines will be left to the discretion of the school administrator. The LIS may charge fines not to exceed ten cents per day on overdue items.

### Lost and Damaged Materials

School administrators will require students, parents, or guardians to pay for replacement of lost or damaged library materials. The school may deny borrowing privileges to students until they comply with this requirement. School administrators may waive this requirement if the student is a victim of unusual circumstances. The LIS sets fees for minor damages. The LIS must issue receipts for all fees collected for lost or damaged materials in accordance with school procedures.



### Circulation Reports

The LIS should create monthly and annual statistical reports for recordkeeping purposes. All libraries are to generate both monthly and annual reports using the automated system.

### Financial Reports

The procedures detailed below for handling and reporting revenue were developed by the Library Services Staff and the Office of Internal Audits.

1. The LIS must remit all monies collected for fines and lost books to the financial secretary. The LIC account reflects total money turned in for fines and lost/damaged books. The LIS may obtain a receipt book from the school office. A receipt is issued for each lost or damaged book.
2. The LIS may use these library funds for the following purchases:
  - A. Library decorations and signage
  - B. Consumable products
  - C. Non-consumable library materials (books, AV materials, and equipment).

Materials purchased must be selected according to the materials selection guideline (See Section 4.2.0) and be made a part of the library collection. All purchases must meet Shelby County Schools' specifications and must be selected from a Shelby County Schools approved vendor.

All disbursements from the library account will be made following school procedures and substantiated with all appropriate documentation.

All monies in the library account should be spent by the deadline set forth by the District. Unspent funds will be rolled over into the school's general fund.

## WEEDING AND INVENTORY

### Weeding

In order to provide students and teachers with the best overall print and non-print collection possible, the LIS periodically weeds the LIC by removing outdated and damaged materials. Weeding is a continual process and should include a plan to ensure that all areas of the collection are reviewed at regular intervals. The following criteria are examples for removal of materials from the LIC:

1. Non-circulation of materials over an extended period of time, unless the item is considered to have historical value.
2. Contents/pictures are outdated and no longer relevant. For example:
  - Pictures showing outdated items or situations such as old automobiles, wringer washers, dial telephones, etc.
  - Science books that make predictions of events that have already occurred
  - Science experiment books which ask students to use materials no longer readily available or use unsafe procedures
3. Items are worn and unattractive in appearance
4. Library owns multiple copies or a newer edition: No more than five (5) copies of the same print title may be counted to meet standards for a minimum number of items per student (*Minimum Requirements for the Approval of Public Schools: Rule 0520-01-03-07*) (See Appendix)
5. Items are damaged beyond repair
6. Copyright date may be used as criteria for weeding
  - Country and state books more than 10 years old
  - Computer books more than 5 years old
  - Career books more than 5 years old
  - Encyclopedias (need at least one digital or printed set copyrighted within the last 5 years)
  - Atlases more than 10 years old

The Library Advisor must be notified before removing a large amount of materials from the library to ensure the collection meets state standards.

The American Library Association (ALA) also provides additional recommendations for the weeding of materials.

### Discards

Contact Library Services for specific instructions on discarding weeded items.

### Library Equipment

If library equipment is no longer being used or repairs would exceed the replacement cost, it must be discarded in accordance with Shelby County Schools Board Policy.

### Inventory

Inventory is a process by which the LIS ascertains exactly what books and materials are physically in the collection.

#### **Automated Inventory**

The LIS should put books in proper order, scan each book in inventory mode, and print a list of lost/paid items. Lost items should be deleted from the inventory per year end instructions.

#### **Inventory Reports**

Submit required annual inventory reports to the school administrator for his/her approval and signature. Bring, email or fax completed reports to Library Services by the specified deadline. The LIS must keep a copy of all annual inventory reports. Additionally, information regarding unfinished work in progress, special instructions for processing materials, or any other pertinent information should also be kept on file.

## APPENDIX

- 2.1.0 School Library Information Center Staffing**  
Tennessee State Board of Education Educator Licensure Policy
- 2.1.0 School Library Information Center Staffing:  
Role of the School Library Information Specialist**  
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- 4.3.0 Procedures for Dealing with Challenged Materials**  
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Revised January 2019
- 4.3.0 Procedures for Dealing with Challenged Materials**  
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- 5.2.0 Non-Book Materials**  
Shelby County Schools – Memphis, TN Cataloguing Specification

<b>TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>	
<b>EDUCATOR LICENSURE POLICY</b>	<b>5.502</b>

- b. Supervisor of attendance. The applicant must hold a valid teacher license. The applicant must complete eight (8) semester hours in areas such as: counseling and guidance; community and school relations; special education; social case work; or state and federal laws relating to school attendance.
- c. Bible Teacher. A minimum of twelve (12) semester hours in literature of the Bible is required. For the purpose of fulfilling requirements for this endorsement, coursework in theology, doctrine, ethics, dogma, and other courses of a doctrinal nature will not be counted.
- d. Driver Education Teacher. The applicant must hold an endorsement in another subject area, grades 6-12 or K-12 and shall complete at least ten (10) semester hours of driver and traffic safety education including the following areas:
  - i. Basic driver and traffic safety education; ii. Advanced driver and traffic safety education; iii. General safety; and iv. First aid and emergency medical services.
- e. Reading Specialist. Candidates seeking licensure and endorsement as a reading specialist must complete advanced studies in a program approved by the State Board of Education. Candidates must be recommended by an educator preparation provider approved according to standards and guidelines established by the State Board of Education.
- f. Library Information Specialist. Candidates seeking endorsement as a school library information specialist must complete a graduate program of studies in library information science that leads to a master's degree and is approved by the State Board of Education. Candidates who already hold a master's degree must complete an approved course of study at the graduate level meeting the appropriate knowledge and skills for a school library information specialist.

#### 4. SCHOOL SERVICES PERSONNEL

a. School Speech-Language Pathologist. Candidates seeking licensure and endorsement as a school speech-language pathologist must complete a program of studies in speech language pathology at the graduate level prior to obtaining the practitioner school services personnel license. Candidates must meet the licensure standards, employment standards and assessment requirements of the state board of education. Candidates applying for a professional school services personnel license as a school speech-language pathologist shall satisfy one of the following criteria:

- i. Applicants new to the field seeking initial school service personnel licensure must complete a graduate degree in speech-language pathology from a state or

# **Teacher Effectiveness Measure Library Information Specialist Rubric (LIS)**

## STANDARD 1 - INSTRUCTION: INQUIRE, THINK CRITICALLY, AND GAIN KNOWLEDGE

1 Significantly Below Expectations	2 Below Expectations	3 Meeting Expectations	4/5 Above Expectations / Significantly Above
<p><i>The following best describes what is observed:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LIS does not provide lessons and/or guidance on how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>make real world connections to the curriculum via available resources;</li> <li>use questions to drive research;</li> <li>find appropriate resources to assist with answering questions;</li> <li>consider diversely selected materials presented in multiple formats that are appropriate to specified curriculum;</li> <li>utilize technology, when appropriate, for accessing information and pursuing inquiry.</li> </ul> </li> <li>LIS does not build upon students' prior knowledge as context for new learning.</li> <li>LIS does not provide opportunities for students to seek information for personal learning.</li> </ol>	<p><i>The following best describes what is observed:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LIS inconsistently provides lessons and/or guidance on how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>make real world connections to the curriculum via available resources;</li> <li>use questions to drive research;</li> <li>find appropriate resources to assist with answering questions;</li> <li>consider diversely selected materials presented in multiple formats that are appropriate to specified curriculum;</li> <li>utilize technology, when appropriate, for accessing information and pursuing inquiry.</li> </ul> </li> <li>LIS rarely builds upon students' prior knowledge as context for new learning.</li> <li>LIS provides limited opportunities for students to seek information for personal learning.</li> </ol>	<p><i>The following best describes what is observed:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LIS provides lessons and/or guidance on how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>make real world connections to the curriculum via available resources; <b>1.1.1</b></li> <li>use questions to drive research; <b>1.1.3</b></li> <li>find appropriate resources to assist with answering questions; <b>1.1.4</b></li> <li>consider diversely selected materials presented in multiple formats that are appropriate to specified curriculum; <b>1.2.3</b></li> <li>utilize technology, when appropriate, for accessing information and pursuing inquiry. <b>1.1.8</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>LIS builds upon students' prior knowledge as context for new learning. <b>1.1.2</b></li> <li>LIS provides opportunities for students to seek information for personal learning. <b>4.1.4</b></li> <li>LIS provides opportunities for students to show an appreciation for literature by electing to read for pleasure and expressing an interest in various literary genres. <b>4.2.4.</b></li> </ol>	<p><i>For Level 5, all evidence at Level 3 is present, as well as all of the following:</i></p> <p><i>For Level 4, all evidence at Level 3 is present, as well as one of the following:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LIS consistently provides lessons and/or guidance on how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>make real world connections to the curriculum via available resources; <b>1.1.1</b></li> <li>use questions to drive research; <b>1.1.3</b></li> <li>find appropriate resources to assist with answering questions; <b>1.1.4</b></li> <li>consider diversely selected materials presented in multiple formats that are appropriate to specified curriculum; <b>1.2.3</b></li> <li>utilize technology when appropriate for accessing information and pursuing inquiry. <b>1.1.8</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>LIS consistently builds upon students' prior knowledge as context for new learning. <b>1.1.2</b></li> <li>LIS consistently provides opportunities for students to seek information for personal learning. <b>4.1.4</b></li> <li>LIS provides opportunities for students to show an appreciation for literature by electing to read for pleasure and expressing an interest in various literary genres. <b>4.2.4.</b></li> <li>LIS ensures that students make sense of information gathered from diverse sources by identifying misconceptions, main and supporting ideas, and conflicting information and point-of-view or bias. <b>1.1.7</b></li> <li>LIS provides opportunities for meaningful student collaboration related to inquiry and critical thinking. <b>2.1.5</b></li> </ol>

NOTES – Numbers following the indicators reference [Standards for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner](#) by AASL, American Association of School Librarians. AASL standards may be found at <http://www.ala.org/aasl/standards/learning>

- Examples of how the LIS might achieve these expectations are by instructing students in a research process to solve problems or make decisions by using information, by instructing students in MLA (Modern Language Association) format, by instructing students in copyright guidelines, or by demonstrating the use of technology such as Internet searching, Atrium/OPAC and TEL (Tennessee Electronic Library) in order to access information.
- Examples of how the LIS might build upon students' prior knowledge are by utilizing KWL charts (what a student already knows, what a student wants to know, and what a student has already learned) and/or opening lessons with guided questions.
- A minimum of 3-5 pieces of evidence (artifacts) to support each standard, including those that may not be seen during an instructional observation, will be presented in a portfolio at or before the pre-conference.



**STANDARD 2- INSTRUCTION: DRAW CONCLUSIONS, MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS, APPLY KNOWLEDGE TO NEW SITUATIONS, AND CREATE NEW KNOWLEDGE**

1 Significantly Below Expectations	2 Below Expectations	3 Meeting Expectations	4/5 Above Expectations / Significantly Above Expectations
<p><i>The following best describes what is observed:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LIS does not correlate the library program with that of the school curriculum by providing related lessons or guidance on how to:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identify and understand critical thinking skills of analysis, synthesis, evaluation and organization of information;</li> <li>use strategies to draw conclusions from information.</li> </ul> </li> <li>LIS's practices do not display understanding of students' anticipated learning difficulties.</li> <li>LIS does not demonstrate how to use technology and other information tools.</li> <li>LIS does not encourage students' responses to literature and creative expression of ideas.</li> </ol>	<p><i>The following best describes what is observed:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LIS inconsistently correlates the library program with that of the school curriculum by providing related lessons or guidance on how to:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identify and understand critical thinking skills of analysis, synthesis, evaluation and organization of information;</li> <li>use strategies to draw conclusions from information.</li> </ul> </li> <li>LIS's practices are reactive and display understanding of students' learning difficulties only as they surface during the lesson.</li> <li>LIS provides inaccurate demonstrations of how to use technology or other information tools, or the selected technology and/or tools are not appropriate to students' learning.</li> <li>LIS rarely attempts to encourage students' responses to literature and creative expression of ideas.</li> </ol>	<p><i>The following best describes what is observed:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LIS correlates the library program with that of the school curriculum by providing related lessons or guidance on how to:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identify and understand critical thinking skills of analysis, synthesis, evaluation and organization of information; <b>2.1.1</b></li> <li>use strategies to draw conclusions from information. <b>2.1.3</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>LIS's practices display understanding of students' anticipated learning difficulties.</li> <li>LIS demonstrates how to use technology and/or social media and other information tools when appropriate. <b>4.1.7, 2.1.4</b></li> <li>LIS encourages students' responses to literature and creative expression of ideas using various formats. <b>4.1.3</b></li> </ol>	<p><i>For Level 5, all evidence at Level 3 is present, as well as <b>all of the following:</b></i></p> <p><i>For Level 4, all evidence at Level 3 is present, as well as <b>one or more of the following:</b></i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LIS consistently correlates the library program with that of the school curriculum by providing related lessons and guidance on how to:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>apply the critical thinking skills of analysis, synthesis, evaluation, and organization of information and knowledge in order to draw conclusions and create new knowledge; <b>2.1.1</b></li> <li>use strategies to draw conclusions from information and apply knowledge to curricular areas and real-world situations. <b>2.1.3</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>LIS's practices display understanding of students' anticipated learning difficulties and activities are differentiated based on students' needs.</li> <li>LIS demonstrates how to use technology and/or social media (if used in current lesson) and other information tools to analyze and organize information in an ethical and responsible manner. <b>2.1.4, 4.1.7, 1.3.3</b></li> <li>LIS consistently provides opportunities for students to respond to literature and creative expressions of ideas using various formats. <b>4.1.3</b></li> </ol>

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- Examples of how the LIS might achieve these expectations are by modeling the steps of the research process, modeling the process of drawing conclusions, instructing students in note taking, creating note cards, or utilizing graphic organizers.
- Examples of how the LIS might demonstrate how to use technology and other information tools to analyze and organize information, would be conducting a lesson on the use of presentation tools such as PowerPoint, Word or Excel, teaching students how to blog, or using online graphic organizers.
- Examples of how the LIS might teach students the ethical and responsible use of technology, are lessons on copyright, Internet safety, netiquette or lessons on intellectual freedom.
- Examples of how the LIS might provide opportunities for students to respond to literature and creative expressions of ideas in various formats would be through writing, multimedia presentations, or artistic interpretations.

- Examples of how the LIS provides meaningful lessons and guidance to students to assist them in organizing personal knowledge in a way that can be called upon easily are by instructing students in the use of data storage methods.
- Examples of how the LIS might differentiate instruction based on student needs may be by providing activities or resources on different Lexile levels, or modifying lesson tasks to accommodate various student learning levels.
- A minimum of 3-5 pieces of evidence (artifacts) to support each standard, including those that may not be seen during an instructional observation, will be presented in a portfolio at or before the pre-conference.

STANDARD3-ENVIRONMENT:SPACE,RESOURCES,andROUTINES

1 Significantly Below Expectations	2 Below Expectations	3 Meeting Expectations	4/5 Above Expectations / Significantly Above Expectations
<p><i>The following best describes what is observed:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LIS does not ensure that the library media center is inviting and welcoming.</li> <li>LIS does not ensure the library media center is well organized, resources are not easy to locate and are not appropriately catalogued.</li> <li>LIS does not ensure that the library media center is well maintained; resources are not up-to-date and are not in good repair.</li> <li>Use of space and materials does not promote learning and/or student work is not displayed.</li> <li>Most materials, resources and equipment are not easily accessible to users.</li> <li>There are no established circulation procedures.</li> <li>Routines, procedures and behavioral expectations are not evident.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Procedures are not visible.</li> <li>LIS does not promote or reinforce positive behavior.</li> <li>Disruptive behavior causes significant interruption to instructional time.</li> <li>LIS does not attend to disruptions.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p><i>The following best describes what is observed:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LIS rarely ensures that the library media center is inviting and welcoming.</li> <li>LIS rarely ensures the library media center is well organized, resources are easy to locate and are appropriately catalogued.</li> <li>LIS rarely ensures that the library media center is well maintained, resources are up-to-date and in good repair, as budget allows.</li> <li>Use of space and materials somewhat promotes learning, and/or displays of student work are not frequently changed.</li> <li>Most materials, resources and equipment are somewhat easily accessible to users.</li> <li>There are some established circulation procedures; however, the procedures are ineffective.</li> <li>Routines, procedures and behavioral expectations are evident but inconsistent.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written rules and procedures are established, but are not communicated to students, staff and parents.</li> <li>LIS rarely promotes and reinforces positive behavior.</li> <li>Disruptive behavior is de-escalated with some interruption to instructional time.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p><i>The following best describes what is observed:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LIS ensures that the library media center is inviting and welcoming.</li> <li>LIS ensures the library media center is well organized, resources are easy to locate and are appropriately catalogued.</li> <li>LIS ensures that the library media center is well maintained, resources are up-to-date, and in good repair as budget allows.</li> <li>Use of space and materials promotes learning; displays of student work are frequently changed.</li> <li>Most materials, resources and equipment are easily accessible to users.</li> <li>The LIS has established circulation procedures and communicated these procedures to all patrons.</li> <li>Routines, procedures and behavioral expectations are evident and consistent.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written rules and procedures have been established and are communicated to students, staff and parents.</li> <li>LIS regularly promotes and reinforces positive behavior.</li> <li>Disruptive behavior is de-escalated with little interruption to instructional time.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p><i>For Level 5, all evidence at Level 3 is present, as well as all of the following:</i></p> <p><i>For Level 4, all evidence at Level 3 is present, as well as one or more of the following:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LIS consistently enhances the library media center environment by collaborating with administrators, teachers and others to seek additional resources that support improving literacy.</li> <li>The LIS consistently ensures that library media center resources are available for all, with flexibility and creativity within or beyond the school day.</li> <li>Circulation procedures have been established and have been implemented to maximize the use of library resources and have been communicated to all patrons.</li> <li>Routines, procedures and behavioral expectations are evident and consistent and create a culture of accountability and responsibility for all patrons.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written procedures have been established to prioritize needs of the school.</li> <li>Flow of the library rarely impeded by inappropriate or off-task student behavior.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

Notes: Standard of the rubric correlates with the TEAM (Tennessee Educator Acceleration Model) model used by the Tennessee Department of Education. <http://team-tn.org/evaluation/teacher-evaluation/>

- Examples of how the LIS could meet these expectations are by displaying literacy based bulletin boards, creating reading corners, posting reading-related posters, creating book displays, using signage in the library, and/or providing a variety of resources, posting rules and consequences, and leaving top and bottom shelving open (when possible) in order to make materials more accessible.
- The LIS should provide a library orientation session at the beginning of the school year for teachers and students.
- Examples of how the LIS ensures that the library media center is well maintained, resources are up-to-date, and in good repair, are through evidence of on-going and consistent weeding of the collection following the guidelines in the SCS Library Procedure Manual. Well maintained also means that the library books are shelved in proper shelf-list order and are neat in appearance.

- A minimum of 3-5 pieces of evidence (artifacts) to support each standard, including those that may not be seen during an instructional observation will be presented in a portfolio at or before the preconference.

STANDARD 4 - PROFESSIONALISM and PROGRAMMATIC GROWTH

1 Significantly Below Expectations	2 Below Expectations	3 Meeting Expectations	4/5 Above Expectations / Significantly Above Expectations
<p><i>The following best describes what is observed:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LIS does not complete, in an effective manner, all administrative responsibilities related to managing the library media program.</li> <li>Written plans, policies and procedures for library staff and/or volunteers do not exist.</li> <li>Records are not accurate or up-to-date.</li> <li>The LIS is typically late for class, meetings or other scheduled activities.</li> <li>LIS does not develop or implement high-quality programs that encourage students to read and that promote students' mastery of standards.</li> <li>LIS does not adapt District's policy for dealing with challenged materials.</li> <li>LIS does not incorporate promotional activities in the library program during the school year, or promotional activities are not supportive of literacy.</li> </ol>	<p><i>The following best describes what is observed:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LIS rarely completes, in an effective manner, all administrative responsibilities related to managing the library media program.</li> <li>Written plans, policies and procedures exist, but are not readily available for library staff and/or volunteers.</li> <li>Records are more often late or inaccurate than not.</li> <li>The LIS, more often than not, arrives late for class, meetings or other scheduled activities.</li> <li>LIS loosely adapts District's policy for dealing with challenged materials for the school community; complete policy compliance is not evident.</li> <li>LIS incorporates one promotional activity in the library program during the school year that support student's mastery of standards.</li> <li>Data are not used for making decisions regarding resource selection and collection development in the library media center in the library media center.</li> </ol>	<p><i>The following best describes what is observed:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LIS usually completes, in an effective manner, administrative responsibilities related to managing the library media program.</li> <li>Written plans, policies and procedures are available for library staff and/or volunteers.</li> <li>Records are turned in on time and are at least 90% accurate.</li> <li>LIS uses evaluation techniques to make decisions related to improving the library program.</li> <li>The LIS is typically on time for class, meetings or other scheduled activities.</li> <li>LIS adapts District's policy for dealing with challenged materials for the school community.</li> <li>LIS incorporates two or more promotional activities in the library program during the school year which support students' mastery of standards.</li> <li>Data are sometimes used for making decisions regarding resource selection and collection development in the library media center.</li> </ol>	<p><i>For Level 5, all evidence at Level 3 is present, as well as <b>all</b> of the following:</i></p> <p><i>For Level 4, all evidence at Level 3 is present, as well as <b>one or more</b> of the following:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>LIS consistently completes, in an effective manner, all administrative responsibilities related to managing the library media program.</b></li> <li>Records are turned in on time and are completely accurate.</li> <li>LIS uses several formal and informal evaluation techniques on a regular basis in making decisions related to improving the library program.</li> <li>LIS incorporates three or more promotional activities in the library program during the school year consistently support students' mastery of standards.</li> <li>LIS consistently purchases a wide variety of genres and multicultural materials that support the curriculum.</li> <li>Data are used for making decisions</li> </ol>

Notes: Standard 4 of the rubric correlates with the TEAM (Tennessee Educator Acceleration Model) model used by the Tennessee Department of Education. <http://team-tn.org/evaluation/teacher-evaluation/>

- Examples of promotional activities to promote literacy are sponsoring book clubs, book fairs, Read for the Record events, Read Across America events, Teen Read Week events, Teen Tech Week events, Children's Book Week events, National Library Week/Month events, or Library Card Sign-Up Month. The LIS could work closely with the nearest public library branch. The LIS might have a reading corner, book displays, literacy related posters in the library, or reading related bulletin boards. The LIS could promote student essay contests & publish/display examples of student writing.
- Promotional activities that are already scheduled but have not yet occurred can be used in the portfolio as long as proper evidence of planning can be shown.
- Examples of how the LIS might achieve the goal of providing a wide variety of genres and multicultural materials are through

conducting regular collection analysis, consulting book reviews in professional journals and peer reviews and/or performing surveys of the school community.

- A minimum of 3-5 pieces of evidence (artifacts) to support each standard, including those that may not be seen during an instructional observation will be presented in a portfolio at or before the pre-conference.

## Position Statement on Flexible Scheduling

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The library program is fully integrated into the educational program so that students, teachers, and school librarians become partners in learning. This integration strengthens the teaching for learning process to insure students are active learners who guide and continually assess their learning process. Open access to a quality school library program is essential for students to develop the vital skills necessary to analyze, evaluate, interpret, and communicate information and ideas in a variety of formats. Inquiry skills are taught and learned within the context of the curriculum and may occur in the classroom, the library, or at home with 24/7 accessibility to a wide range of resources, technologies, and services.

The integrated library program philosophy requires an open schedule that includes flexible and equitable access to physical and virtual collections for staff and students. Classes must be flexibly scheduled into the library on an as needed basis to facilitate just-in-time research, training, and utilization of technology with the guidance of the teacher who is the subject specialist, and the librarian who is the information process specialist. The resulting lesson plans recognize that the length of the learning experience is dependent on learning needs rather than a fixed library time. Regularly scheduled classes in the school library to provide teacher release or preparation time prohibit this best practice. Students and teachers must be able to come to the library throughout the day to use information sources, read for pleasure, and collaborate with other students and teachers.

Collaboration with classroom teachers to design, implement and evaluate inquiry lessons cultivates high level learning experiences for students and is the catalyst that makes the integrated library program work. The teacher brings to the planning process knowledge of subject content and the student needs. The school librarian contributes a broad knowledge of resources and technology, an understanding of modern teaching methods, and a wide range of strategies that may be employed to help students learn inquiry skills. Together they are able to provide differentiated and adaptable experiences for students of all abilities and interests to meet the requirements of the curriculum.

The responsibility for flexibly scheduled library programs must be shared by the entire school community: The Board of Education, District Administration, Principal, School Librarian, Teachers, and the Library Support Staff.

The BOARD OF EDUCATION endorses the philosophy that the library program is fully integrated into the district's educational program and ensures that flexible scheduling for libraries is maintained in all buildings and at all levels through district level policies.

The DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION supports this philosophy and ensures appropriate staffing levels so that all teachers, including the school librarians, can fulfill their professional responsibilities

The PRINCIPAL creates the appropriate climate within the school by understanding and advocating the benefits of flexible scheduling to the faculty, by monitoring scheduling, by maintaining appropriate staffing levels, funding, and joint planning time for classroom teachers and school librarians.

The TEACHER and the SCHOOL LIBRARIAN work collaboratively to provide differentiated and adaptable experiences for students of all abilities. The collaborative lessons meet curricular requirements through relevant and engaging learning experiences that promote positive instructional use of time.

The LIBRARY SUPPORT STAFF works to maintain the daily operation of the library to allow the professional school librarian and teaching staff the time and flexibility to collaborate together to provide students with excellent educational experiences for learning.

The PARENTS advocate for a library program that provides their child with access 24/7. They promote the use of flexible scheduling so their students are able to come to the library throughout the day to use information sources, read for pleasure, and collaborate with the school librarian, other students, and teachers.

The STUDENTS stress the need for anytime access to their school library to assist them in completing their academic pursuits and exploring their personal interests.



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## **0520-01-03-.07 LIBRARY INFORMATION CENTER.**

- (1) School Library Information Center.
  - (a) All school libraries shall serve as resources for students, teachers, and community members to strengthen student learning. School library information specialists shall work collaboratively with classroom teachers and school administrators to

integrate both curricular concepts and information skills that assist research and other learning activities. The collection and the services of the library shall adequately support the curricular priorities within the school.

- (b) School libraries shall provide an environment that allows efficient access to resources, including both print and electronic. Schools must be organized to allow the library program to operate a flexible schedule that allows students and teachers to access resources at the point of need.
  - (c) School libraries shall provide parents and community members access to resources, so that the school library information center serves as a community resource.
- (2) Library Information Center Personnel.
- (a) Elementary/Middle Schools. Schools including grades kindergarten (K) through eight (8) or any combination thereof shall provide library information personnel as follows:
    - 1. A school having a current average daily membership of 550 or more students shall have a full-time library information specialist with endorsement as a library information specialist.
    - 2. A school with a current average daily membership of 400 to 549 students shall have a half-time library information specialist with endorsement as a library information specialist. During the time that the library is open during regular school hours and the library information specialist is not present, staff member(s) shall be designated to provide supervision to students in the library.
    - 3. In a school with fewer than 400 students, a faculty member shall serve as a library information coordinator. If the library information coordinator is not present during the time that the library is open during regular school hours, staff member(s) shall be designated to provide supervision to students in the library.
    - 4. It is optimal to have the library open outside the regularly scheduled school day and if library personnel specialist or coordinator is not present, appropriate supervision shall be provided to the students in the library.
  - (b) High Schools. Schools including any high school grade shall provide library information personnel as follows:
    - 1. A school with a current average daily membership of 1,500 or more students shall have two (2) full-time library information specialists, each with endorsement as a library information specialist.

2. A school with a current average daily membership of more than 300 but less than 1,500 students shall have a full-time library information specialist with endorsement as a library information specialist.
3. A school with a current average daily membership of fewer than 300 students shall have a half-time library information specialist. During the time that the library is open during regular school hours and the library information specialist is not present, staff member(s) shall be designated to provide supervision to students in the library.
4. It is optimal to have the library open outside the regularly scheduled school day and if the library information specialist is not present, appropriate supervision shall be provided to the students in the library.

(3) Library Information Center Collection.

The three (3) levels of collection standards for Tennessee school libraries are: Basic, Standard, and Exemplary. The criteria by which school library collections are evaluated are listed below:

(a) Item Count.

Basic collection - Contains a minimum of twelve (12) items per student in Average Daily Membership (ADM);

Standard collection - Contains fifteen (15) items per student in ADM; and

Exemplary collection - Contains eighteen (18) items per student in ADM.

(b) Collection Compilation.

1. Pamphlets, textbooks, class sets, periodicals, out-of-date items, and items in poor physical condition shall neither be counted nor reported in the total collection. No more than five (5) copies of the same print title may be counted to meet standards for a minimum number of items per student.
2. Digital resources should be accessible through a school library webpage or Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) and may comprise fifty percent (50%) of the collection.
3. The library shall provide access to the virtual library administered by the Tennessee State Library and Archives and the library personnel should receive training. These resources may count for up to twenty percent (20%) of the overall collection or, in schools in which the librarian has received official training within the last five (5) years, they may count for up to thirty percent (30%) of the overall collection.
4. The collection shall include access to a current, complete encyclopedia in

any format. In secondary schools, the collection shall also include an unabridged dictionary, one (1) foreign language dictionary in the native language of ESL students in attendance at the school, a local newspaper, and one (1) daily newspaper presenting news on both state and national levels. For digital materials, only full text should be counted in the total.

5. The collection should include a balance of fiction and nonfiction with an appropriate level of text complexity. The resources in the collection should be chosen to: complement and augment the most recently adopted curriculum standards, be a motivational springboard for student research, and encourage self-expression and curiosity by offering a variety of recreational reading material.

(c) Age.

Collections meeting the compilation standards are evaluated based on age of the collection as measured in years from the current year:

Basic collection - sixteen (16) years and older;

Standard collection - fifteen (15) years; and

Exemplary collection - fourteen (14) years or less.

(d) Technology - Access to Digital Materials.

1. Workstations with internet access in the library information center are sufficient to provide access for students. The number of workstations should be no less than the maximum average class size allowable by the state. A workstation may be a desktop, laptop, tablet or similar device, but devices available for checkout should not be counted in the total.
2. School libraries should be equipped with instructional technology, including, but not limited to, LCD projector, screen and/or interactive smart board, document camera, computer, etc., and provide user training for such devices.
3. Separate computers must be maintained for both the library management system/circulation and for the library personnel.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-1-302 and 49-3-305. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified June 10, 1974. Amendment filed June 30, 1985; effective July 30, 1975. Amendment filed July 15, 1976; effective August 16, 1976. Amendment filed February 28, 1978; effective March 30, 1978. Amendment filed January 9, 1979; effective February 23, 1979. Amendment filed October 15, 1979; effective January 8, 1980. Amendment filed June 27, 1984; effective July 27, 1984. Amendment filed October 1, 1985; effective January 14, 1986. Amendment filed May 28, 1986; effective June 27, 1986. Amendment filed July 22, 1987; effective October 28, 1987. Repeal and new rule filed March 16, 1992; effective June 29, 1992. Amendment filed March 28, 2002; effective July 29, 2002. Repeal and new rule filed May 16, 2014; effective October 29, 2014. Amendments filed October 25, 2017; effective January 23, 2018. Amendments filed March 20, 2018; to have been effective June 18, 2018. However, on May 24, 2018, the Government Operations Committee filed a 5-day stay; new effective date June 23, 2018.

# Library Bill of Rights

- I. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
- II. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
- III. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.
- IV. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.
- V. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.
- VI. Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.
- VII. All people, regardless of origin, age, background, or views, possess a right to privacy and confidentiality in their library use. Libraries should advocate for, educate about, and protect people's privacy, safeguarding all library use data, including personally identifiable information.

Adopted June 19, 1939, by the ALA Council; amended October 14, 1944; June 18, 1948; February 2, 1961; June 27, 1967; January 23, 1980; January 29, 2019.

Inclusion of "age" reaffirmed January 23, 1996.

Although the Articles of the Library Bill of Rights are unambiguous statements of basic principles that should govern the service of all libraries, questions do arise concerning application of these principles to specific library practices. See the documents designated by the Intellectual Freedom Committee as Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights.

**CITIZEN'S REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF A BOOK**

School \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Publisher \_\_\_\_\_

Request Initiated by (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Complainant Represents: (Check One)

\_\_\_\_\_ Himself

\_\_\_\_\_ Organization's Name \_\_\_\_\_

If an organization, in what capacity do you represent them? \_\_\_\_\_

1. To what in the book do you object: Please be specific; cite pages or paragraphs?
2. What do you feel might be the result of reading this book?
3. For what age group would you recommend this book?
4. Is there anything good about this book?
5. Did you read the entire book? If not, what parts of it did you read?
6. Are you aware of the judgment of this book by literary critics?
7. What do you believe is the theme of this book?

8. What would you like your school to do about this book?

\_\_\_\_\_ a. Do not assign it to my child.

\_\_\_\_\_ b. Withdraw it from all students.

\_\_\_\_\_ c. Have the book reevaluated.

9. In its place, what book of equal literary quality would you recommend that would convey as valuable picture and perspective of our civilization.

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Signature of Complainant

### **ACTION TAKEN ON RECONSIDERATION**

Comments of School Committee (Teachers, Librarian, Parents)

Comments of Principal

Comments of Library Supervisor

Action Taken

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS-MEMPHIS, TN  
CATALOGING SPECIFICATIONS**

**SCHOOL:**

SHIP TO: Librarian's Name  
For: **(SCHOOL NAME)**  
(Each individual school will  
list their individual address)

**VENDOR NAME**

Library Services/Accounts Payable-rm. 250- c  
For: **(SCHOOL NAME)**  
160 S. HOLLYWOOD STREET  
BILL TO: Shelby County Schools

**CATALOGING SPECIFICATIONS**

Non Fiction	-	Abridged Dewey over three main entry initials (all caps)
Individual Biography	-	92 over three biographee's initials (all caps)
Collective Biography	-	920 over three main entry initials (all caps)
Story Collection	-	SC over three main entry initials (all caps)
Classroom Set	-	CL over Dewey over three main entry initials (all caps)
Fiction	-	FIC over three main entry initials (all caps)
Easy	-	E over three main entry initials (all caps)
Reference	-	R over Dewey over three main entry initials (all caps)
Professional	-	P over Dewey over three main entry initials (all caps)
Kit	-	KIT over Dewey over three main entry initials (all caps)
Audio CD	-	CD over Dewey over three main entry initials (all caps)
CD-ROM	-	CD-ROM over Dewey over three main entry initials (all caps)
DVD	-	DVD over Dewey over three main entry initials (all caps)
MP3	-	MP3 over Dewey over three main entry initials (all caps)
EBook	-	EBOOK over Dewey over the main entry initials (all caps)
Audio Book	-	AUD over Dewey over the main entry initials (all caps)

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTION FOR eBooks**

- Catalog records may be added for online electronic books. These records are imported into the collections of the individual schools to which they belong, not to a "District" eBook collection.
- All eBook records should include local holdings information for each copy, as described in the "Specific MARC Field Requirements" above, including the "EBOOK" call number prefix. Each copy should also include a barcode number that adheres to the "Barcode Requirements" listed above.
- eBook catalog records should adhere to the other catalog standards described in this document.

**SUBJECT HEADINGS**

Library of Congress children's subject headings are acceptable and preferred if Sears headings are not available.

BOOK PROCESSING

- |              |   |   |
|--------------|---|---|
| Mylar jacket | - | Attached  |
| Spine label  | - | Attached with bottom of label 1 inch from bottom of spine |

**LEXILE RATING**

  X   Print "LX" on spine label -Lexile Number (2 lines) LX above #

**ACCELERATED READER –NO A.R. FOR THIS PARTICULAR LOCATION!**

       Print "AR" on spine label or otherwise mark spine of all Accelerated Reader books with "AR."

       Attach AR information label on the upper right corner of the front flyleaf of all Accelerated Reader books giving the following: Author, Title, ATOS level, AR Points, AR test number.



**READING COUNTS**

\_\_\_ Print "RC" on spine label or otherwise mark spine of all Reading Counts books with "RC."  
\_\_\_ Attach RC information label on the upper right corner of the front flyleaf of all Reading Counts books giving the following: Author, Title, RL level, PT Points, LX Level

**AUTOMATION SPECIFICATIONS**

Library Automation Company – **Book Systems, Inc.** Automation System – **Atrium**  
MARC record on disk or emailed to LIS  
MARC record format - **US MARC 852**

**Barcode symbology – Code 39 – Mod 10 format resulting in a 14 digit code (Last digit reflects a check digit (0-9) generated by vendor)**

Bar code label with protector, giving barcode number, author, title and school name, attached horizontally to lower, left of front of book. If barcode label obscures any essential text on the outside cover of the book, adjust to avoid text. Include Accelerated Reader information in MARC record (526 field)  
Include Lexile information in MARC record (521 field)

**ATTENTION VENDORS: VENDORS MUST CONTACT LIBRARY SERVICES TO OBTAIN BARCODE RANGES FOR EACH ORDER SUBMITTED**

**BAR CODE NUMBERS & LABELS**

Bar Code Range: Starting Number \_\_\_Ending Number \_

<b><u>EXAMPLE</u></b>				
<b><u>Material Type</u></b>	<b><u>Location Code (4 digit)</u></b>	<b><u>Barcode (8 digit)</u></b>	<b><u>Check Digit (0-9) (1 digit)</u></b>	<b><u>Resulting Barcode</u></b>
<b>3 (Lib. Mat.)</b>	<b>0999</b>	<b>01000000</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3099901000001</b>

**School name as it should appear on labels: Example: Promise Elementary Library**

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