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School Library Standards Revision

Vision

Texas school libraries are essential interactive collaborative learning centers, providing physical and virtual access to ideas, information, and learning tools for the entire school community.



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Mission

Certified librarians and trained staff nurture a culture of literacy and inquiry throughout the school community. An integral part of instructional teams, librarians collaborate with teachers on curriculum design and delivery. They maintain a professionally curated collection of print and digital materials and assist learners in locating resources that match their academic and personal interests. Librarians model and teach information literacy and digital citizenship, empowering learners to make ethical, informed choices in an increasingly complex and evolving global environment.



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Common Beliefs

1. School libraries are essential centers for learning and are safe and inviting environments, operating as havens for students and staff.
2. School libraries support reading for learning and pleasure – an essential life skill.
3. School libraries provide equitable access to information in many forms and a space for inquiry, collaboration, and the creation and sharing of information, including support for professional learning.
4. School libraries promote information literacy – crucial in the pursuit of knowledge. This requires explicit instruction so learners can efficiently locate, accurately evaluate, ethically use, and clearly communicate information in various formats.
5. School libraries are vital centers of technology, providing equitable access to technology, supporting personalized learning, and teaching digital literacy.
6. Professional, certified school librarians, along with trained paraprofessionals, are essential for every school in Texas to provide a highly effective school library media program.