

The School Library Program

Student achievement is the objective of school library programs. The School Library Programs: Standards and Guidelines for Texas originates in the ongoing effort to support effective schools, results-oriented education, and accountability. These aims are at the forefront of the school librarianship. Standards are a professional tool for objective assessment based on recognized measures of performance. The *Standards and Guidelines for Texas* is based on research that shows a correlation between school library resources and services and greater student achievement.

STANDARD I: LEARNER-CENTERED TEACHING AND LEARNING

Goal: To promote the integration of curriculum, resources, and teaching strategies to ensure the success of all students as the effective creators and users of ideas and information, enabling them to become lifelong learners.

STANDARD II: LEARNER-CENTERED PROGRAM LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

Goal: To demonstrate effective school library program leadership and management throughout the school, the district, and in local, state, and national activities and associations.

STANDARD III: LEARNER-CENTERED TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION ACCESS

Goal: To promote the success of all students and staff by facilitating the access, use and integration of technology, telecommunications, and information systems to enrich the curriculum and enhance learning.

STANDARD IV: LEARNER-CENTERED LIBRARY ENVIRONMENT

Goal: To provide design guidelines for facilities to allow for manipulation, production, and communication of information by all members of the learning community. The library provides an exemplary level of safety, security, and an age-appropriate facility for all individuals, small groups, and classes.

STANDARD V: LEARNER-CENTERED CONNECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY

Goal: To provide information equity by working for universal literacy; defending [intellectual freedom](#); preserving and making accessible the human record; ensuring access to print and electronic resources; connecting school faculty, staff and students to community resources and services as needed; and by connecting community members to school resources and services as appropriate.

STANDARD VI: LEARNER-CENTERED INFORMATION SCIENCE AND LIBRARIANSHIP

Goal: To promote the success of all students and staff by: providing information equity; working for universal literacy; defending [intellectual freedom](#); preserving and making accessible the heritage of all cultures; and ensuring that equal access to resources in all formats is available for everyone.