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The Alexander City Board of Education believes that the school library media center is a fundamental part of the educational program. It adheres to the premise that an effective library media program will provide the following:

1. Equal and maximum access to information resources which extend the limited content of textbooks.
2. Instruction for students in acquiring the research skills necessary for independent learning.
3. Motivation for students to read and enjoy good literature.
4. Encouragement for students to use a variety of media for a lifetime of learning and pleasure.

Each school in the Alexander City School System shall maintain a library media center under the direction of a state certificated library media specialist in accordance with accreditation standards. The responsibility for coordinating the selection and purchasing of instructional materials rests with the library media specialist with the final responsibility being vested in the Board.

Since the library media program is an integral part of the total school program, the school's philosophy and goals help establish direction for library media services. Programs may vary

somewhat based on different school characteristics; however, some functions will be common in all schools. Those functions include the following:

1. Equal access to information in the school collection.
2. Provision of supplementary materials to enhance the school curriculum.
3. Integration of information skills instruction with classroom activities.
4. Assistance to teachers in using a variety of media formats to improve instruction.
5. Motivation for students to enjoy good literature and other worthwhile resources.
6. Access to the use of current technologies to improve instructional effectiveness.

The Alexander City School System library media specialists and teachers should collaborate to insure that all students have adequate and equal access to the library media center and its collection.

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