

**ADEPT**  
for  
**Library Media Specialists**  
**Evidence Documentation**  
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Library Media Specialist \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Dates (From–To) of Evaluation \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator

Title

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## NOTE

Not all key considerations are of equal importance, nor is every key consideration applicable to all school library media specialists in all settings. Evaluators should establish the appropriate content/context-specific performance expectations and clearly convey this information to the school library media specialist prior to the initiation of the evaluation.

### PD 1: Long-Range Planning

#### Data Collection Methods

- Required:*
- ❖ Review of the Long-Range Plan (LRP)  
[Note: The review of the long-range plan is optional during the second semester of evaluation, contingent upon the library media specialist's successful preliminary evaluation results on PD 1.]
- Optional:*
- ❖ Interview with the library media specialist
  - ❖ Other procedures, consistent with district policy, as deemed necessary by the evaluation team

**Key Considerations** typically include, but need not be limited to, the extent to which the library media specialist develops a long-range plan\* that contains appropriate descriptions of

- ❖ the specific information and technology needs of the school community;
- ❖ program goals and objectives, based on the identified needs and the results of previous formal and informal program assessments;
- ❖ policies and procedures for administering the library media center (i.e. overseeing all managerial tasks necessary for the full and efficient use of the resources, services, and facility);
- ❖ policies and procedures for managing the resource collection to ensure that it is accurate and up-to-date and that it meets the needs of the school community;
- ❖ ways in which the library media specialist will integrate information literacy and technology into the academic curriculum by collaborating with classroom teachers to
  - plan and provide key instructional materials, resources, and technologies,
  - design student activities, programs, and projects, and
  - provide collaborative instruction;
- ❖ formal and informal assessments that will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the library media instructional program, collection, and facility in supporting student learning; and
- ❖ ways in which the school community will be kept informed and updated about library media services.

\*Note: Information contained in the library media center's policies and procedures manual or other print sources should be *referenced* (e.g., document, section, page number) rather than reiterated in the long-range plan whenever appropriate. These references should be provided and/or made available to the evaluators, as requested.

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## PD 2: Administering the Library Media Program

### Data Collection Methods

- Required:* ❖ Interviews with the library media specialist, conducted in the library media center  
[Note: The interview questions for PD 2 are optional during the second semester of evaluation, contingent upon the library media specialist's successful preliminary evaluation results on PD 2.]
- Optional:* ❖ Other procedures, consistent with district policy, as deemed necessary by the evaluation team

**Key Considerations** typically include, but need not be limited to, the extent to which the library media specialist effectively and appropriately

- ❖ implements policies and procedures to maximize use of the library media center services, resources, and space,
- ❖ communicates these policies and procedures to all members of the school community;
- ❖ administers the library media center budget; and
- ❖ supervises other professionals and/or non-professionals who assist in the library media center.

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## PD 3: Collaboration for Instruction and Services

### Data Collection Methods:

- Required:*
- ❖ Observations of instructional lessons  
[Note: Observations must be conducted during both semesters of evaluation.]
  - ❖ Review of “Reflection” completed by the library media specialist following each observation  
[Note: The reflections are optional during the second semester of evaluation, contingent upon the library media specialist’s successful preliminary evaluation results on PD 3.]
- Optional:*
- ❖ Interviews with the library media specialist, classroom teachers, and/or other members of the school community
  - ❖ Other procedures, consistent with district policy, as deemed necessary by the evaluation team

**Key Considerations** typically include, but need not be limited to, the extent to which the library media specialist demonstrates effectiveness in

- ❖ establishing instructional partnerships (e.g., joint planning and teaching and other types of instructional collaborations);
- ❖ integrating information literacy, technology education standards, and appropriate curriculum standards;
- ❖ assisting students in developing the skills necessary to independently access and use information;
- ❖ promoting reading and literature appreciation;
- ❖ establishing appropriately high expectations for student performance; and
- ❖ monitoring the impact of the instructional partnerships on student achievement and making adjustments, as appropriate.

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## PD 4: Library Media Collection and Resource Management

### Data Collection Methods:

- Required:* ❖ Interviews with the library media specialist, conducted in the library media center  
[Note: The interview questions for PD 4 are optional during the second semester of evaluation, contingent upon the library media specialist's successful preliminary evaluation results on PD 4.]
- Optional:* ❖ Other procedures, consistent with district policy, as deemed necessary by the evaluation team

**Key Considerations** typically include, but need not be limited to, the extent to which the library media specialist ensures that current, accurate, and appropriate materials and resources are available to meet the curriculum-related and recreational reading needs of all students and to support the informational needs of all members of the learning community by

- ❖ effectively implementing a collection development policy (e.g., selection, weeding, gifts/donations, challenged materials);
- ❖ involving members of the learning community in the selection and continuous evaluation of materials and resources;
- ❖ developing an appropriate circulation policy and maintaining an efficient circulation system;
- ❖ organizing the materials according to an established system of classification; and
- ❖ making the materials easily accessible to patrons.

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## PD 5: Maintaining an Environment Conducive to Inquiry

### Data Collection Methods:

- Required:* ❖ Interviews with the library media specialist, classroom teachers, and/or other members of the school community
- Optional:* ❖ Walk-through observations of the library media center
- ❖ Other procedures, consistent with district policy, as deemed necessary by the evaluation team

**Key Considerations** typically include, but need not be limited to, the extent to which the library media specialist

- ❖ provides maximum access to the library media center resources, including (if needed) physical adaptations for persons with disabilities;
- ❖ creates a safe, attractive, and inviting environment that is conducive to learning and inquiry;
- ❖ facilitates the effective use of library media services and resources by providing assistance, information, support, and/or instruction to all members of the learning community.

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## PD 6: Assessing the Library Media Program

### Data Collection Methods:

*Required:* ❖ Interview with the library media specialist in the library media center  
[Note: The interview questions for PD 6 are optional during the second semester of evaluation, contingent upon the library media specialist's successful preliminary evaluation results on PD 6.]

*Optional:* ❖ Other procedures, consistent with district policy, as deemed necessary by the evaluation team

**Key Considerations** typically include, but need not be limited to, the extent to which the library media specialist

- ❖ uses a variety of formal and informal data collection methods (e.g., observations; conversations and interviews; surveys and needs assessments; student test scores, library media center statistics such as circulation rate, daily patron rate, number of classes scheduled, average age of the collection) to continuously evaluate the effectiveness of the program; and
- ❖ uses assessment results to guide decision-making in areas such as
  - collection development (e.g., adding new resources; weeding outdated, worn, and damaged resources; determining the re-allocation of funds);
  - scheduling of the library media center;
  - alignment of the library media program with the curriculum, information literacy, and technology standards and with the school/district mission and goals;
  - impact on student learning; and
  - physical facilities.

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## PD 7: Professional Responsibilities

### Data Collection Methods:

- Required:*
- ❖ Review of the “Professional Performance Description,” completed by the building administrator and other supervisors, as appropriate
  - ❖ Review of the “Professional Self-Report” completed by the library media specialist
- [Note: The “Professional Self-Report” is optional during the second semester of evaluation, contingent upon the library media specialist’s successful preliminary evaluation results on PD 7. However, the “Professional Performance Description” must be completed by the administrator/supervisor and reviewed by the evaluation team both semesters.]
- Optional:*
- ❖ Other procedures, consistent with district policy, as deemed necessary by the evaluation team

**Key Considerations** typically include, but need not be limited to, the extent to which the library media specialist

- ❖ establishes and maintains positive professional relationships with colleagues, students, parents, and other members of the learning community;
- ❖ practices in accordance with ethical standards and legal guidelines;
- ❖ performs appropriate/required job responsibilities;
- ❖ demonstrates responsible work habits (e.g., time management, punctuality, dependability, attendance);
- ❖ contributes to the well-being of the students and the benefit of the overall school community;
- ❖ identifies his or her own professional strengths and weaknesses;
- ❖ displays professional insight and vision regarding library media services; and
- ❖ sets purposeful professional goals.

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